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Fil-Am is world's most-traveled boy

By Jennie L. Ilustre
PDI Washington correspondent

WASHINGTON—Mario Casuga II, a Filipino-American, is the youngest person to travel to all the world's seven continents.

That's according to the bible of world record holders, the Guinness Book of

FIL-AM/A19

Dying kids get help, thanks to the Internet

By Armand Nocum

PHYSICIANS attending to dying children at the Philippine General Hospital took their appeal for help to the Internet—and were quickly rewarded with donation pledges from Germany, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Canada and the United States.

"It was like the 'love bug' in a positive way," Dr. Philip Cruz said of the message seeking help for patients at the PGH pediatric wards 9 and 11. He was referring to the computer virus, reportedly created by Filipinos, which recently wrought havoc on computers worldwide.

"This is a kind world, after all," the chief resident of the PGH Department of

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ROMANCING THE BIRDS
Lawak in the South China Sea, which is part of the Kalayaan Island Group (Spratlys) claimed by the Philippines "is one islet you may never want to leave," according to Navy men who secure it. It's a lush sanctuary for seagulls and other winged creatures. DENNIS SABANGAN

Sulu gov insists they did it

He says soldiers already pinpointed, identified

By Julie Alipala, *PDI Mindanao Bureau*
and TJ Burgonio, *in Manila*

ZAMBOANGA CITY—GMA 7 reporter Carlo Lorenzo yesterday said the two men who kidnapped him and an assistant cameraman were armed and wearing military uniforms but that he never identified them as soldiers or military escorts.

"I did not say military escorts," Lorenzo said after reading the report on his and Gilbert Ordiales' Sept. 28 abduction in yesterday's INQUIRER. "What I said was that the escorts of Hadja Leng were behind our abduction." *(See full statement of Lorenzo on Page A19.)*

Sulu Gov. Yusop Jikiri was furious at Lorenzo's statement. "We have already pinpointed and identified the two soldiers detailed as security to (Hadja Leng) by the 104th Infantry Brigade and now he is retracting?" Jikiri said.

According to the governor, one of the two men is a regular soldier and the other belongs to the Jolo Internal Defense Force under Capt. Abe Sirajan.

But he said he was withholding their names because "they might try to hide if they sense that they are being monitored."

"For me, they should be punished even if they are soldiers," Jikiri said. He said that if he had his way, "I will hang them, but we have our laws."

Supt. Arip Baanan, police director in Sulu, said that even if Lorenzo publicly retracted his statement to the INQUIRER, the complaint he had filed could not be easily modified "because it is considered a legal document."

Shortly after he and Ordiales were freed last Thursday, Lorenzo said Hadja Leng's two military escorts initially announced a holdup in Barangay Kagay, Indanan, Sulu. He said the duo then turned them over to local residents.

But yesterday, Lorenzo repeatedly said he only mentioned Hadja Leng's bodyguards. Ordiales supported his statement.

A check with the police provincial office in Sulu showed that Lorenzo mentioned Hadja Leng's military escorts in the complaint he filed against the female

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GMA 7 statement

GMA Network Inc. would like to clarify that Carlo Lorenzo never directly implicated the military in his and Gilbert Ordiales' abduction.

Lorenzo only referred to "military escorts" in an initial interview but this is based ONLY on what their guide told them.

In his sworn statement given to the PNP on Oct. 4, 2002, Carlo Lorenzo was asked "Who are these heavily armed escorts of Hadja Leng Imran, if you know" to which he replied "allegedly integrees."

In the sworn statement of Gilbert Ordiales, he said that he does "not know whether they are soldiers or not . . . they are wearing camouflage uniforms."

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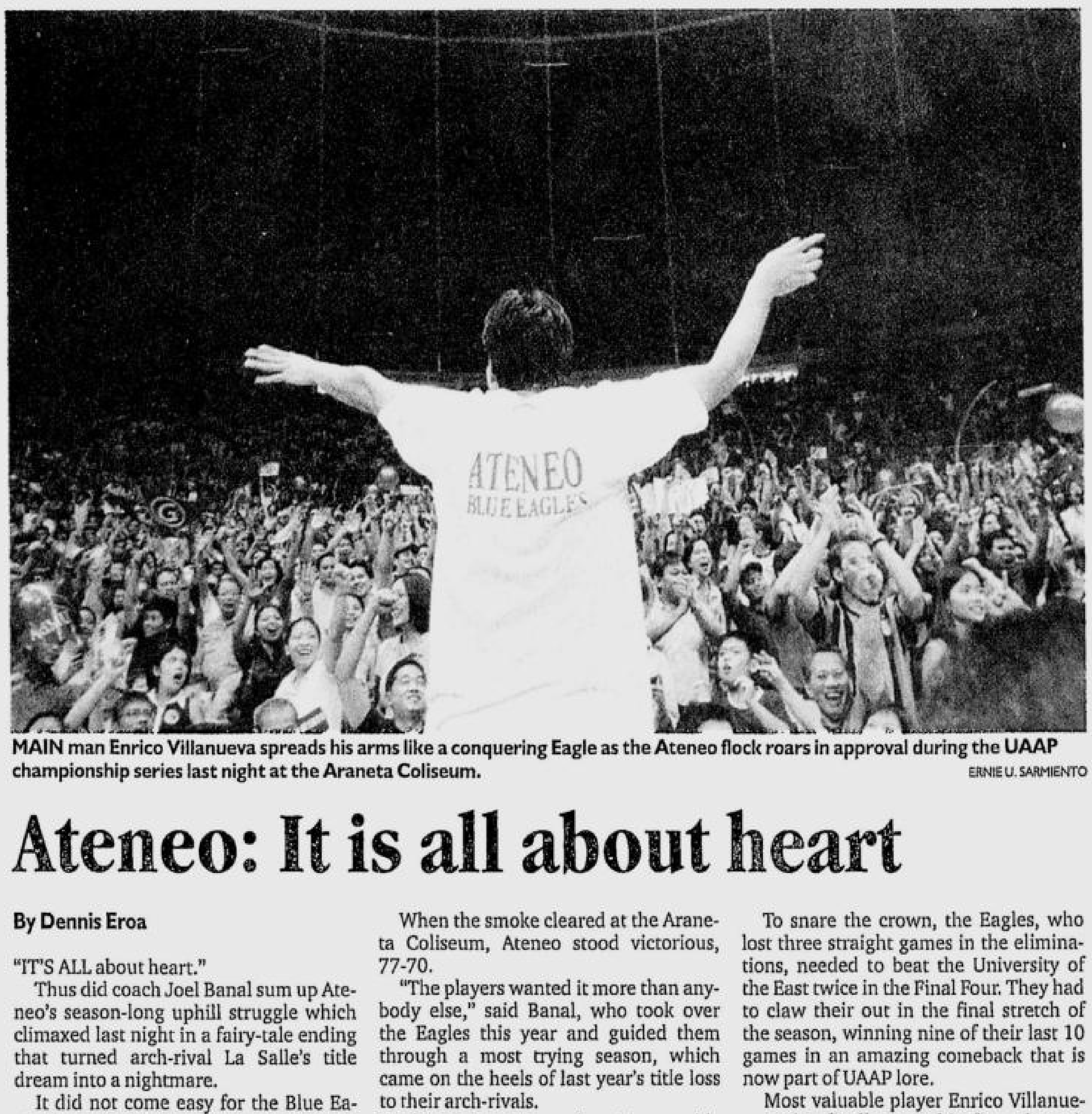

MAIN man Enrico Villanueva spreads his arms like a conquering Eagle as the Ateneo flock roars in approval during the UAAP championship series last night at the Araneta Coliseum. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Ateneo: It is all about heart

By Dennis Eroa

"IT'S ALL about heart."

Thus did coach Joel Banal sum up Ateneo's season-long uphill struggle which climaxed last night in a fairy-tale ending that turned arch-rival La Salle's title dream into a nightmare.

It did not come easy for the Blue Eagles. Time seemed to stand still as they endured wave after wave of counter-attack by the Green Archers with the poise they rarely displayed this year.

When the smoke cleared at the Araneta Coliseum, Ateneo stood victorious, 77-70.

"The players wanted it more than anybody else," said Banal, who took over the Eagles this year and guided them through a most trying season, which came on the heels of last year's title loss to their arch-rivals.

The victory snapped a 14-year title drought—Ateneo last won in 1988—and prevented the Archers from recording the rare fifth straight title.

To snare the crown, the Eagles, who lost three straight games in the eliminations, needed to beat the University of the East twice in the Final Four. They had to claw their out in the final stretch of the season, winning nine of their last 10 games in an amazing comeback that is now part of UAAP lore.

Most valuable player Enrico Villanueva, who finally won his first championship ring in five years as a Blue Eagle, Rich Alvarez, Wesley Gonzales and LA

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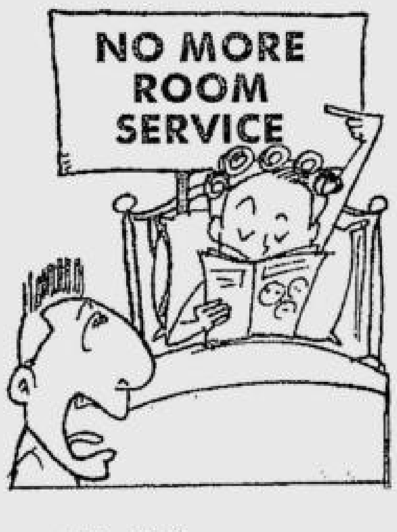

Hubby goes fishing; wife goes on strike

ALBANY, Indiana—An Indiana wife looking for a little more appreciation went on strike at home—and found instant celebrity.

Kathy Thompson quit doing housework Sept. 25, refusing to do laundry, cook or make the bed. She said she was tired of working, going to school and caring for the house while her husband Gary went out fishing.

When her unconventional campaign made it into media, calls from around the world started pouring in, she said.

"It'll be something I can tell my grandkids," the 45-year-old said Friday.

Thompson has appeared on television shows including "Inside Edition," "Good Morning, America" and Indianapolis television stations. She was expecting an interview with CNN, and a television crew from Germany was due Saturday.

HUBBY/A19

PILGRIMS pray in front of the coffin of Blessed Escriva at the Basilica of St. Eugene in Rome, Italy. GETTY IMAGES

Man who put the Divine in daily life to become saint

THE MAN who put the Divine in the dailiness of ordinary life will be canonized today by Pope John Paul II.

Msgr. Josemaría Escrivá, who founded the Opus Dei in 1928, will become a saint of the Catholic Church during rites to be held at 10 a.m. (4 p.m., Manila time), at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican. Around 230,000 pilgrims from 84 countries, including the Philippines, have confirmed their attendance at the rites.

The canonization coincides with the centenary of Escriva, who was born in Barbastro, Spain, on Jan. 9, 1902 and comes 10 years after his beatification in 1992.

At the core of Escrivá's teaching is the universal call to holiness in ordinary life, by doing one's everyday duties well. All members dedicate themselves to living and spreading the "good news" that all men are called by God to be holy in the exercise of their daily tasks or profession.

For 47 years, Escrivá guided and inspired the growth of Opus Dei all over the world. At the time of his death in 1975, the institution had spread to five continents.

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More than 20 other people were wounded in the blast, including another US serviceman.

However Gucela said there were no initial findings on what type of bomb was used.

The government said the likely suspect in the bombing was the Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group, which has been linked by both the Philippines and the US to the al-Qaida network of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden.

However, officials have pulled back on previous statements over who planted the bomb.

The bomb was in a motorcycle which was parked in front of the karaoke bar where the victims were gathered.

The rider of the motorcycle, who was killed in the blast, is believed to have set the bomb off.
AFP

NEWSBRIEFS

Sex workers' protection

WOMEN'S groups yesterday sought greater government protection for commercial sex workers. In observance of the International Day of No Prostitution, the Bukluran ng Kababaihan sa Lansangan (Association of Women in the Streets, or Bukal) demanded the decriminalization of prostitution and repeal of the Anti-Vagrancy Law.

In a press briefing in Quezon City, Bukal's Raquel Ignacio said the anti-vagrancy law inflicted further abuse on already exploited women. "Arrest or detention often end in rape, physical assault and extortion," she said.

And for all their sufferings—including beating and even death in the hands of clients—prostituted women hardly earn a living, said Jean Enriquez of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-Asia Pacific.
Armand N. Nocum

Modern Gabrielas

MOTHERS and grandmothers in urban poor communities are learning about women's rights—their right not to be abused, for instance, and the right to take control of their lives—through mobile schools called Gabriela Silang School on Wheels.

After a month of "schooling," 15 students graduated last Friday in Pasig City, which hosted the pilot program.

Luz Hufancia, 53, said she realized that she should involve herself in social and political issues that affect herself and her family. Now she's ready to join rallies against the PPA, she said.

Hilda Velasco, 44, former factory worker and now full-time housewife, vowed to endorse the program to many women in her barangay who are abused and battered by their husbands. She said she has learned, happily, that a woman could refuse sex with her husband "if she didn't feel like doing it."

The school on wheels travels in a second-hand white van with a library of books and pamphlets on women's health and rights, and audio-visual equipment for film showings.
Donna S. Cueto

P35B lost to graft yearly

AT LEAST P15 billion, up to P35 billion, is lost yearly to graft in government infrastructure projects, Sen. Edgardo Angara said yesterday. The anomalies came in the form of rigged public biddings, substandard work, and cost-padding, Angara said. He blamed these on the absence of tough safeguards against tampering with government contracts.

Even the World Bank has released a study that confirmed most of these findings of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws, and electoral reforms, which he heads, Angara said.

The WB report estimated that more than $40 billion had been lost in 20 years due to official corruption, mostly in procurement of goods and services and infrastructure projects.
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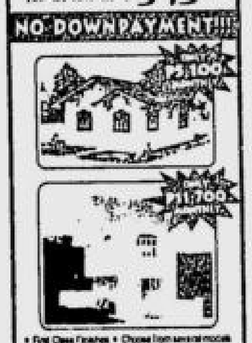

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The 12-member mission is made up of the FBI and the criminal investigation units of both the US Army and Navy and includes forensics experts, bomb experts and legal specialists.

Gucela said the team was trying to determine the type of explosive used in the bomb which went off near the military's Camp Enrile on Wednesday, killing a US soldier and two Filipinos.

More than 20 other people were wounded in the blast, including another US serviceman.

However Gucela said there were no initial findings on what type of bomb was used.

The government said the likely suspect in the bombing was the Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group, which has been linked by both the Philippines and the US to the al-Qaida network of terror mastermind Osama bin Laden.

However, officials have pulled back on previous statements over who planted the bomb.

The bomb was in a motorcycle which was parked in front of the karaoke bar where the victims were gathered.

The rider of the motorcycle, who was killed in the blast, is believed to have set the bomb off.
AFP

NEWSBRIEFS

Sex workers' protection

WOMEN'S groups yesterday sought greater government protection for commercial sex workers. In observance of the International Day of No Prostitution, the Bukluran ng Kababaihan sa Lansangan (Association of Women in the Streets, or Bukal) demanded the decriminalization of prostitution and repeal of the Anti-Vagrancy Law.

In a press briefing in Quezon City, Bukal's Raquel Ignacio said the anti-vagrancy law inflicted further abuse on already exploited women. "Arrest or detention often end in rape, physical assault and extortion," she said.

And for all their sufferings—including beating and even death in the hands of clients—prostituted women hardly earn a living, said Jean Enriquez of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-Asia Pacific.
Armand N. Nocum

Modern Gabrielas

MOTHERS and grandmothers in urban poor communities are learning about women's rights—their right not to be abused, for instance, and the right to take control of their lives—through mobile schools called Gabriela Silang School on Wheels.

After a month of "schooling," 15 students graduated last Friday in Pasig City, which hosted the pilot program.

Luz Hufancia, 53, said she realized that she should involve herself in social and political issues that affect herself and her family. Now she's ready to join rallies against the PPA, she said.

Hilda Velasco, 44, former factory worker and now full-time housewife, vowed to endorse the program to many women in her barangay who are abused and battered by their husbands. She said she has learned, happily, that a woman could refuse sex with her husband "if she didn't feel like doing it."

The school on wheels travels in a second-hand white van with a library of books and pamphlets on women's health and rights, and audio-visual equipment for film showings.
Donna S. Cueto

P35B lost to graft yearly

AT LEAST P15 billion, up to P35 billion, is lost yearly to graft in government infrastructure projects, Sen. Edgardo Angara said yesterday. The anomalies came in the form of rigged public biddings, substandard work, and cost-padding, Angara said. He blamed these on the absence of tough safeguards against tampering with government contracts.

Even the World Bank has released a study that confirmed most of these findings of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws, and electoral reforms, which he heads, Angara said.

The WB report estimated that more than $40 billion had been lost in 20 years due to official corruption, mostly in procurement of goods and services and infrastructure projects.
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Singaporean jailed for videotaping Pinay maid disrobing in bathroom

SINGAPORE—A Singaporean man was sentenced to a year in jail for secretly videotaping his Filipino maid undressing, a media report said Saturday.

The Subordinates Court also fined Too Tien Koh 2,000 Singapore dollars (US$ 1,120) Friday for owning four pornographic video tapes—a crime in straight-laced Singapore—The Straits Times said.

Police found Too, 40, in possession of two videos he had made of his 25-year-old maid disrobing in her bathroom two years ago, the report said.

The maid reported the case to the police in August after she noticed a video camera hidden above her bathroom door, it said. *AP*

DFA: All 94 Filipinos in Ivory Coast safe

By Michael Lim Ubac

ALL 94 Filipinos in the troubled Ivory Coast are "safe and accounted for," following a revolt that erupted two weeks ago.

In a statement released yesterday, the Department of Foreign Affairs said the Filipinos, who were caught in the crossfire between rebels and government forces, are now in the coastal city of Abidjan, where most of them live and work.

Like the 20,000 French and other foreign nationals in that city, the DFA said, the Filipinos appear reluctant to leave.

"But they remain in close touch with the Philippine embassy, which has stand-by funds for their immediate evacuation to Acera, Ghana if the situation deteriorates."

The funds may not be sufficient, however.

DFA spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros said Masaranga Umpa, Philippine ambassador to Nigeria—which has jurisdiction over Ivory Coast—has met with his counterparts in the French and US embassies, asking them "to take the Filipinos into consideration as they evacuate their own nationals from the former French colony."

The fighting was reportedly confined to certain parts of the country and civilians were not being targeted, Umpa said, "but Filipinos who feel threatened should evacuate while exit points are still open." *With a report from AFP*

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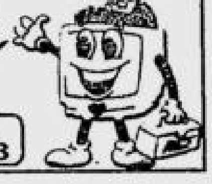

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PAF plane goes down in Zambo

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The pilots of the single-engine SF-260 Marchetti aircraft parachuted out after the aircraft encountered mechanical problems, and swam ashore to the nearby island of Little Santa Cruz, according to Air Force Maj. Restituto Padilla. They sustained "only scratches."

Navy and marine personnel are helping in operations to retrieve the plane, Padilla said, "so we can determine exactly what happened."

The plane was returning to the Edwin Andrews Airbase in Zamboanga city, 2.5 nautical miles away, when it came down.

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said it was part of a two-aircraft team dispatched to help the Philippine Coast Guard locate the MV Spiros, a Greek-registered ship which owes the government close to P10 million in taxes and fees.

In Davao City, an MG520 attack helicopter was forced to land in shallow waters off a beach resort after after it suffered a partial power failure. The two pilots escaped unhurt. The accident prompted the Air Force to ground all MG 520 attack helicopters for routine inspection. *With reports from Julie S. Alipala, Joselle Badilla, TJ Burgonio, Reuters, AP, AFP*

'Tobacco revolt' aborted; Malacañang releases funds

CANDON CITY—It had to take a three-hour dinner-meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo to abort a threatened "tobacco revolt" of the so-called Northern Luzon bloc at the House of Representatives.

Ilocos Sur Rep. Eric Singson, the group's leader, said the President had assured them on Thursday that she would order the immediate release of the tobacco excise tax fund.

The President asked for the meeting after members of the bloc, composed of some 30 congressmen from Cagayan Valley, the Ilocos and Cordillera regions, walked out of a House session on Tuesday night in protest against the non-release of tobacco excise tax funds.

Singson went to the Palace meeting with Ilocos Sur Rep. Salacnib Baterina and Quirino Rep. Junie Cua.

"We discussed our concerns regarding the long overdue release of the tobacco funds and the President gave us assurance of immediate release," said Singson while adding that the Ms Macapagal did not give a definite date and amount regarding the funds' release.

The representatives were clamoring for the release of the funds claiming that the tobacco-producing provinces were among the worst hit by the most recent typhoons like typhoon "Feria."

Singson explained that they would be satisfied with a partial release if that is what the government can afford at this time.

He said the Northern Luzon bloc had staged the walk-out because it had been asking for the release of the funds for the past two years.

Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr., who is adviser to the group, was surprised by the walk-out but threw his support behind the group's concerns, Singson said.

The bloc includes, besides Singson and Baterina, Ilocos Norte representatives Roque Ablan Jr. and Imee Marcos, La Union representatives Manuel Ortega and Tomas Dumpit, and congressman Luis Bersamin. The group is seeking the release of P1.2 billion in tobacco excise taxes for 2001. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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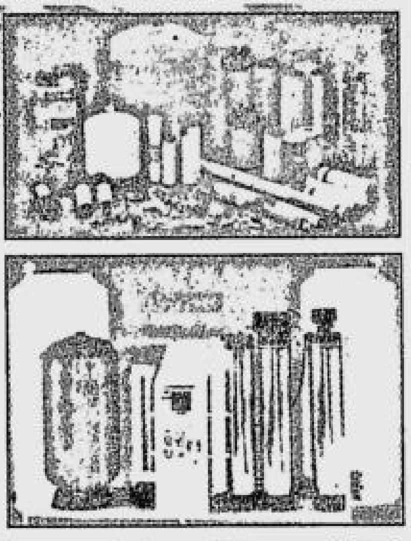

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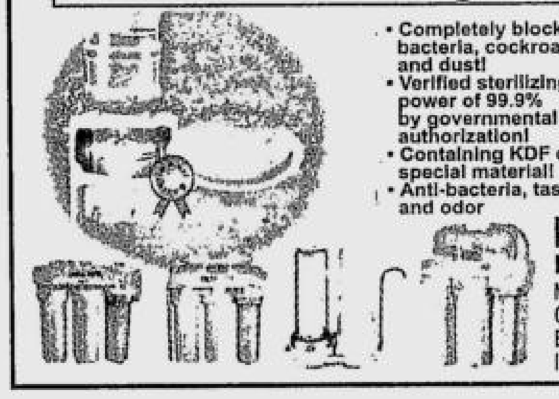

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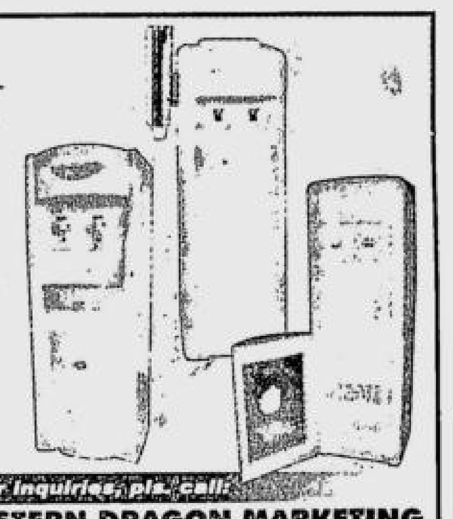

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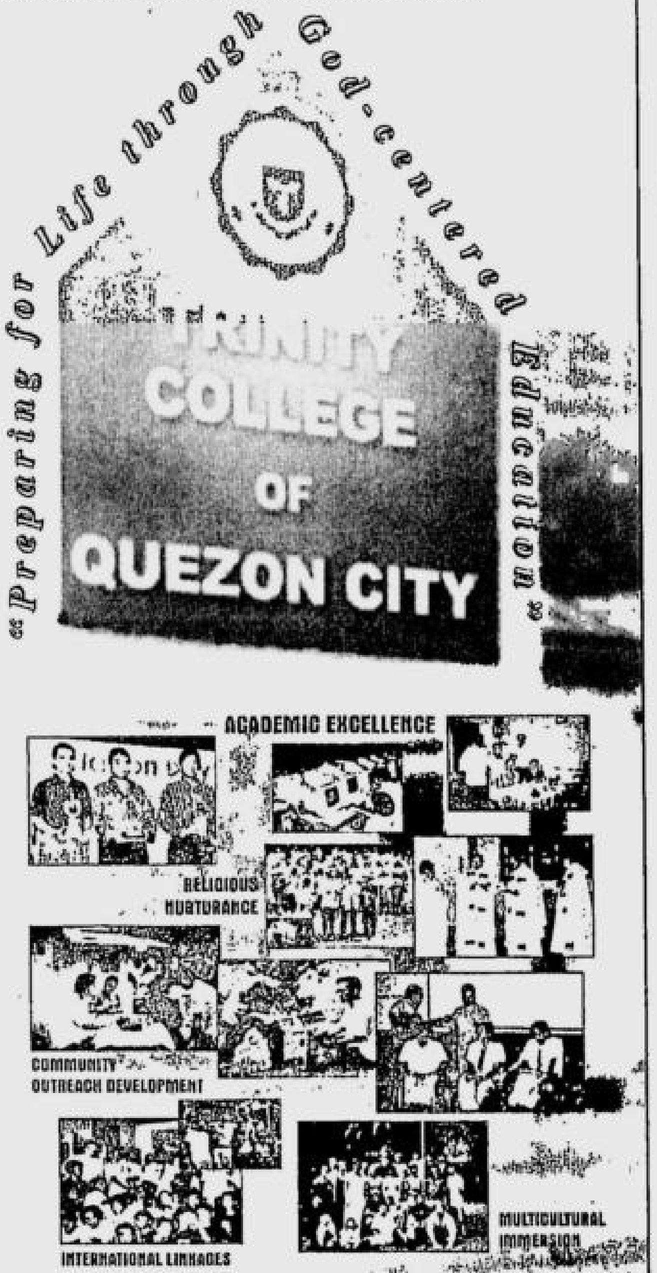
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The way to shop for a credit card is the way you shop for most things – look for the brand that gives you the most value for every peso you spend. Below is a guide that will help you find out which card actually helps you save money and take charge of your finances.

Understanding finance or interest charges

There may be times when you'll need to defer or pay only part of the total amount due on your credit card bill *(Among credit card companies, if you defer payment, you're called a revolver. If you pay the full amount, you're a transactor.)* It's standard practice among all credit cards to charge interest on the amount you defer payment on. What isn't standard is the rate. BPI Express Credit Card has the lowest at 2.9% while most of the other credit cards have interest at anywhere from 3.25% to 3.5%.

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Scenario:

Credit Limit		₱70,000.00
Outstanding Balance Last Statement	Sept. 5	₱28,500.00
New Purchases This Statement	Oct. 5	₱40,000.00
Total Outstanding This Statement	Oct. 5	₱68,500.00

Post Date	No. of Days to Statement Date	Transaction Amount	INTEREST COMP.	
			Other credit cards (3.25% from posting date)	BPI Express Credit Card (2.9% from statement date)
Sept. 6	31	₱ 20,000.00	₱ 671.67	ZERO
Sept.10	27	10,000.00	292.50	ZERO
Sept.15	22	2,000.00	47.67	ZERO
Sept. 20	17	5,000.00	92.08	ZERO
Sept. 25	12	3,000.00	39.00	ZERO
		Total	₱1,142.92	ZERO
Interest on Outstanding Balance (₱28,500)			₱926.25	₱826.50
Total Interest			₱2,069.17	₱826.50
Amount save for the month			ZERO	₱1,242.67

So if you want to save yourself from a lot of grief and save yourself some money, choose a credit card with the lowest interest rate and one that computes interest based on the statement date, like BPI Express Credit Card.

Deferred payment vs installment-what's the difference?

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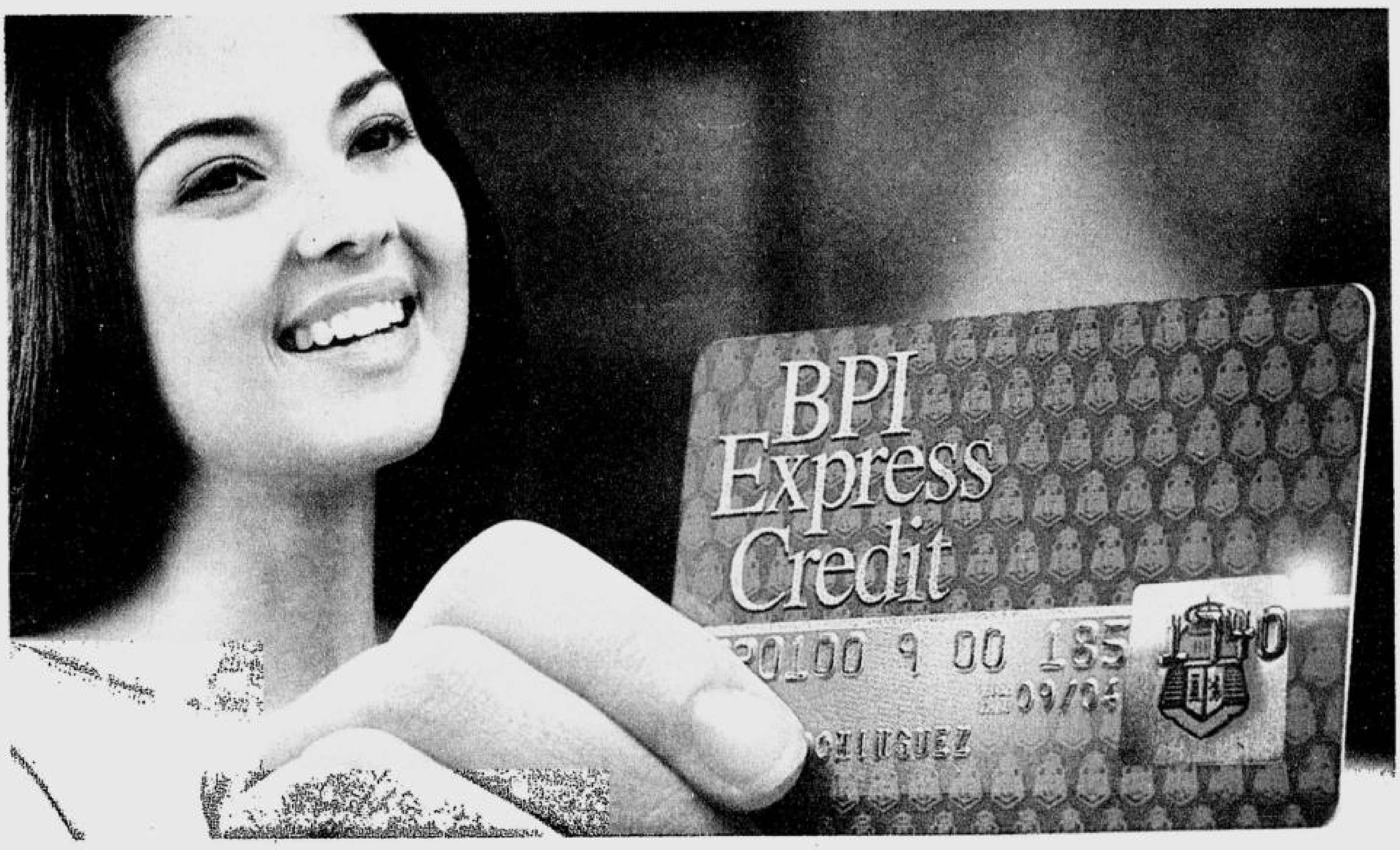
Using your statement as a budgeting tool. There are some card users who charge all their expenses – gas, groceries, everything – to their card. According to them, the advantage of doing so is you can see where your money's going in one handy and convenient statement versus having to wade through a tabletop full of receipts.

While most card companies are obsessive-compulsive about the accuracy and veracity of their statements, it's best to **keep all the receipts of all your transactions** for reconciling with your monthly statement.

It's also important to compare your credit card purchases to your monthly income. In general, your **total monthly bills shouldn't exceed 50% of your monthly income.** If you want your credit history to remain good over time, you need to be prepared for unplanned expenses.

Security. Keep a record of your credit card account numbers, their expiry dates and the phone and fax numbers of their Call Centers. Be sure to keep this record in a safe place. In case you lose your card, having this record gives you extra security and helps prevent unauthorized use of your card in the quickest possible time.



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War against violence

EDITORIAL

VIOLENCE has become a global health problem. A comprehensive report of the World Health Organization says that 1.6 million people die from violence every year. The statistic is not very exact since the survey was based on recorded deaths. According to the WHO, many violent deaths go unreported.

Many of the victims of violent deaths are young. People, from 15 to 44 years of age, are especially prone to violent deaths. On an average day, according to the WHO, 1,424 people are killed through homicide; that's almost one person every minute. The figure is worse for suicide; roughly one person kills himself every 40 seconds. As a result of armed conflict, 35 people get killed every hour.

In the last century, some 191 million people died as a result of armed conflict, over half of them civilians. Since the last century was characterized by world wars, one may think the figure was par for the course. This century may hold less prospects for a world war, but as the WHO figures reveal, people don't only get killed because of outright wars. They get killed because of homicide, suicide, and little wars.

The evidence is that the victims of violence have become younger and younger. The report shows that fighting and bullying are common among young people. Drunkenness too has become rampant. The WHO says these are situational factors that abet violence.

Women and children are particularly a strong risk sector. Many women who die of homicide are killed by current or former partners. Children, male or female, suffer from sexual abuse and violence.

Violence is inter-generational. It does not respect age. According to the report, abuse of the elderly is one of the most hidden faces of violence. Many of the elderly have reported abuse and manhandling. Some die because of homicide and suicide.

The picture presented by the report is that global violence owes to factors that are part and parcel of modern existence. The tectonic shifts in the political, economic, social, moral and technological spheres are putting a complex web of pressures that will determine whether the 21st century person will be an aggressor or a prey.

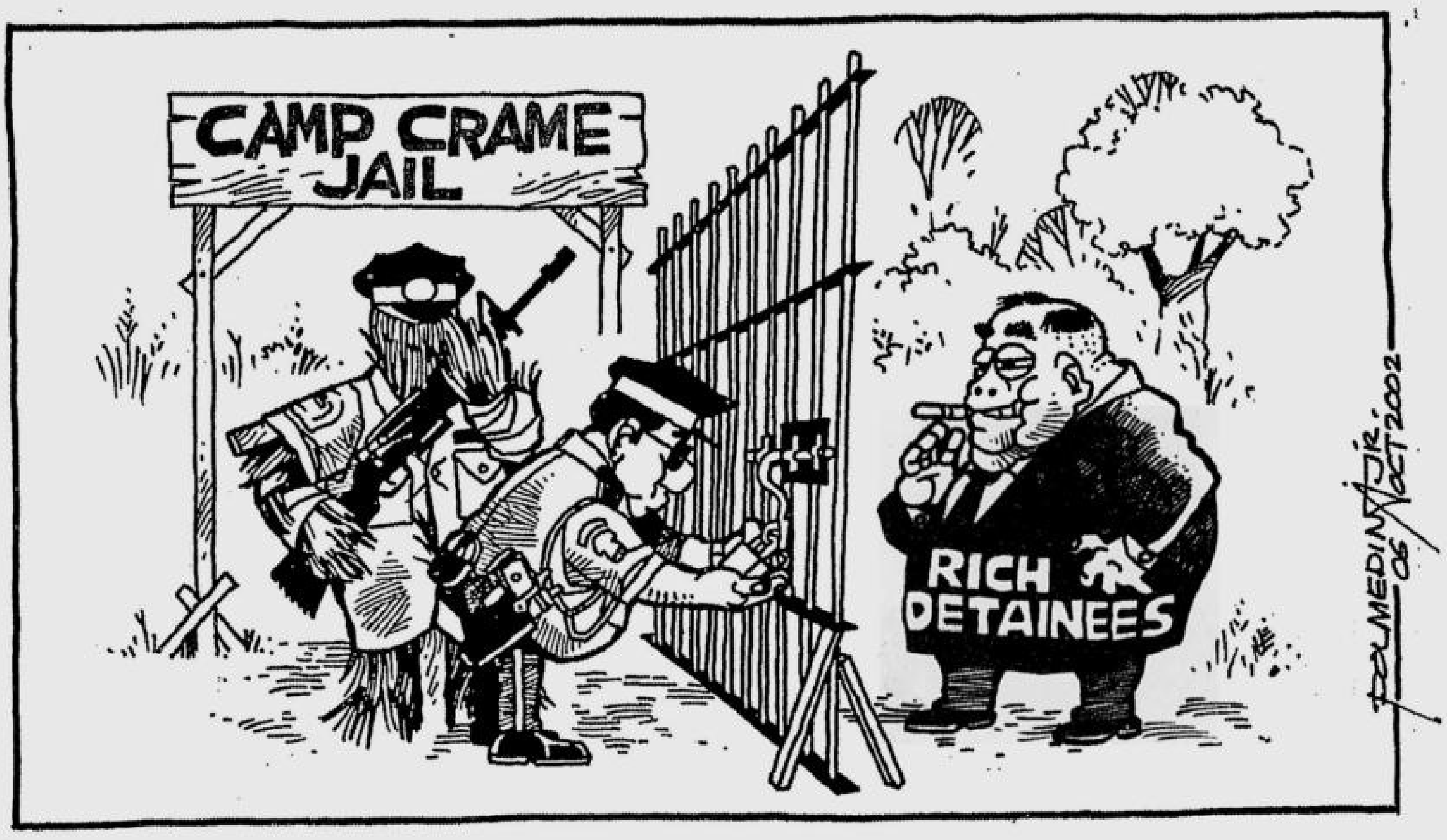
Biological predisposition to aggression and other individual factors cannot be discounted. But it is also true that often these factors interact with social, cultural and other external factors that create a situation rife for violence. It is best to understand these situations that create opportunities for violence so that violence can be prevented. Definitely, understanding of the factors that result in violence will help policymakers to fashion relevant responses to a world prone to confrontation and blood.

Happily the WHO report provides several suggestions for stemming the spiral of global violence, such as social development programs for children and adults, parent training and support programs, and gun control and other measures to curb firearm injuries and deaths and improve firearm safety. On the government level, the WHO recommends fidelity to international conventions and improving data collection on violence.

It is ironical that having bade goodbye to a century of unmitigated violence, the world should enter the new with expectations of more of the same. This time the instruments of violence have multiplied—drugs, alcoholism, firearms proliferation, street-gangs, sexual abuse, domestic fighting, etc. Man seems to have invented more and more ways to maim himself.

The old instrument exists, of course. War is a staple if only because man will always find an excuse to wage it. As the WHO releases its bombshell, the United States is preparing to trigger another battle in its war on terrorism. It is expected the Iraq war theater will provide the new statistics for the WHO score. Definitely it will provide the body bags to make the figures a little more sensational.

Perhaps it is best to remind the hawks and the war freaks that if they want war, they don't have to look at the Gulf. They don't have to look far. They have to just look on the streets and around the neighborhood to find the victims of napalms of hate and missiles of intolerance. If war is to be waged, it should be war against violence.



Poe-Sotto for 2004

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

OF COURSE. Sen. Vicente Sotto III is supporting Fernando Poe Jr. and says the King of Philippine Movies will be elected President of the Philippines in 2004. Sotto and Poe are showbiz colleagues. The first is a former television comedian of deplorable taste and the second is the mighty monarch of action and drama. They are birds of a feather who want to fly high but lack the wings to soar.

I do not mean to disparage the showbiz people *in toto*, many of whom I sincerely admire. I refer to those who, while competent and perhaps even brilliant as entertainers, recognize their limitations in other fields. The veteran actor Eddie Garcia, for example, declined entering into politics, saying he would stick to the calling he knew best. The immensely popular Dolphy would be a shoo-in in most any election but has also humbly refused to seek public office.

Many of their fellow entertainers do not have the good sense of these exemplary actors. On the contrary, they believe that the support of their fans—and that only—will equip them for the discharge of public office, including the highest in the land. The fact that their followers themselves do not have the intelligence to exercise even only the right of suffrage makes the presumptuousness much more ridiculous.

Joseph Estrada is Exhibit A. From the lowly position of municipal mayor, he was elevated to the Senate, then became Vice President, and finally reached Malacañang itself, from which he was evicted by an enraged nation. Exhibit B is Mayor Joey Marquez of Parañaque who is serving his third and last term clowning on television and quarreling with his wife in public while the garbage piles up in his city.

Fortunately, the *bakya* crowd, consisting mostly of the regimented followers of some religious groups, do not always get their way. A recent felicitous illustration is the walloping by veteran legislator Feliciano Belmonte of actor Rudy "Daboy" Fernandez for mayor of Quezon City. Nora Aunor may have thrilled the voters with her songs but not enough to make them elect her governor of Camarines Sur.

Vilma Santos may be performing well in Lipa City, but I don't know much about her record to be able to concur or dissent. If she is, she would be the exception to make the established rule that actors, television hosts and athletes won't make good statesmen. Most of her showbiz colleagues now in the government may have hit it big at the box office but not in public office. In entertainment parlance, they have bombed as elective officials.

I may have spoken too soon when I said above that Poe has high ambitions, but this may not be far from the truth. The King has not affirmed or denied to date, but it is not unlikely that he will yield to the blandishments of his supporters in the end and announce his availability as President of the Philippines. Sotto and the other pillars of the local entertainment industry will then marshal their drooling fans to install yet another pretender in Malacañang.

Many people do not know much about Fernando Poe Jr. except as a movie star who can demolish in seconds scores of bad guys with a single pistol (or two). Or knock down villains with a lightning-fast 1-2-3 volley from his lethal fists, and also (let us not forget) seduce swooning ladies with his bedroom eyes. That's all make believe, but what about his real life? Has he, for example, ever read a law or an executive order or a judicial decision? How about the Constitution?

I hope he will have the humility to acknowledge his limitations and decide to resist all the temptations to run for the presidency where, if elected, he will be like a fish out of water. The disgraced Joseph Estrada at least had some experience in government service before he became President, although that did not do him any good. Poe has none whatsoever. Erap bit off more than he could chew, and now he wants his *compadre* to suffer the same helplessness and humiliation. Or perhaps he is simply hoping that, if convicted, he will be pardoned by President Poe.

Some people believe that Sotto is eager for Poe to run for President so he himself can be his running mate. Sotto is on his second and last term in the Senate and must be looking for some other public post to accommodate him. My recollection of this undistinguished legislator is that he once bullied a security guard for denying him entry into a subdivision for lack of the required car sticker. He piously said later that he was not thinking of himself but of the poor people who wanted to visit their rich relatives but would also not be allowed to come in.

There are some who say that a Poe-Sotto tandem would be unbeatable with the backing of the powerful *bakya* crowd. I can only shudder at the thought. These two misfits ruling over the Republic of the Philippines and bringing ruin to the destiny of 80 million deluded citizens? It would be like a disaster movie of epic proportions but—let's face it—a fitting punishment also for our nation's arrant foolishness.

Invest right

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

DID you hear the story about the doctor who gave his patient six months to live? Well, the man could not pay his bills, so the doctor gave him another six months!

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The Gospel today (Mt. 21, 33-43) speaks about a landowner who sets a deadline for his tenants to produce fruits in his vineyard. Jesus reminds us not to be complacent and lazy. We all must give an accounting of our lives to the Lord in due time. The message is that life is not a vacation, but a vocation, a call to do something good and worthwhile while we are still alive. And the message is clear: there is a deadline where there will be no more extensions nor exemptions. At the end of our lives, when we face the "final curtain" may we come before the Lord not empty handed.

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I remember in the '80s how we planted mango trees at the grounds of the Divine Word College in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. We really put a lot of work and effort in the endeavor, and after some years, we had fruit-bearing mango trees all over the place. However, we found out to our disappointment that what we planted were Indian mangoes, not the carabao mangoes. *Sayang*! The experience made me realize the importance of planting the right trees, and investing on the right investments in life. *Kung ano ang tinanim, siya ang aanihin* (What you sow, you reap).

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Are you planting the right trees in life? Are you investing wisely? In other words, life is not so much a question of quantity! And so it is that some people are productive and have good return of investments (ROI) in the eyes of the world, but miss the more important things in life. Take a look at what you are investing on in life.

Are you investing in God? Are you investing in your family? Are you investing in your good health? Are you sowing good works? Are you taking care of your good name? Are you nurturing friendships and relationships?

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We know that we carry nothing with us to the grave, yet why this frenzy to earn more, acquire and accumulate more? I've quoted it before and I quote again: The riches you give away are the only riches you bring with you to eternity. The rest, you leave behind. Make sure then that you are investing right, and not just investing well. At the end of our lives, may we not end up saying to ourselves "*Sayang...mali* (I was wrong)."

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You can't go wrong if you invest in love. The love and goodness in your heart are never gone and will not be wasted. You may be left out, you may get hurt, you may be misunderstood, laughed at or even persecuted if you love, but, love on anyway. For a while, you may even experience the futility, the foolishness, yes, even the stupidity of it all, but love on anyway, for in the end, the greatest achievement, the greatest investment in life is love. Are you investing enough love in your life? Are you investing in love at all?

Make sure you don't reject love as you build your life. Love is the very cornerstone of life itself. Without love, you can't really build anything substantial in your life. Without love, all the things you've built all your life will someday just come crumbling down.

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Ponder on these text messages:

"It's only when you share your life to others that life begins to have meaning and purpose. The time you touch others is the time you really live."

We make a living by what we get. We make life by what we give. Love is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

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Msgr. Josemaria Escriva, will be canonized today, Oct. 6, in Rome. He is one person who built on love, and his work goes on 74 years after he founded the Opus Dei (Work of God) in Spain. He has shown hundreds of people a way of sanctification in their daily, ordinary lives. He reminds us of our call to sainthood and holiness in this busy and fast world. There were many rich and famous persons in Spain in the early 1900s. Nobody talks of or even remembers them now. Monsignor Escriva will forever be remembered as a saint. Why? The former invested in money and fame. The latter invested in love.

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October is the month of the rosary. Invest in the rosary, a prayer rejected by many people these days, which could be the cornerstone to help us in our prayer life. Carry a rosary with you always. Teach the children and the grandchildren to carry a rosary with them and to pray the rosary as a family. Pray slowly, pray with love. Live the rosary. Be a living rosary.

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Rosary rally for Peace at Christ the King Seminary on Oct. 12, 3 p.m., with the procession ending with a 6 p.m. Mass. Help spread rosary devotion. Please help in propagating the rosary devotion far and wide. Call 725-9006 and 721-7457 for details.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me not only to invest well, but also to invest right in life. Amen.

Chinese joke about their party leaders

FEATURE

Jonathan Ansfield

BEIJING—Thirty years ago in China, you could get in trouble for cursing your cat, because the Chinese word for the pet sounds like the family name of Chairman Mao Zedong.

Bad-mouthing Chinese leaders in public is still a bad idea today—especially in the sensitive run-up to a Communist Party Congress expected to shake up the leadership pecking order.

But in private, dry and dirty wit is mixing with ancient customs and high technology to give many people a chuckle at the expense of their iron-fisted rulers.

A favorite butt of many is Communist Party chief and state President Jiang Zemin. Never far behind is parliament chief Li Peng, still hated by many Beijingers for his role in crushing student-led protests around Tiananmen Square in June 1989.

None of the humor is broadcast in state-controlled media, where political satire is a no-go zone. Instead, people trade gags over tea and cigarettes and, more and more, in the relatively unregulated medium of cell phone instant messaging and e-mail.

Few of the jokes are clean. The catchiest jokes come in doggerel verse, and fire low blows at the long-rumored foibles of the aging elite, like Li's family ties to the state power monopoly.

"Comrades, your skin is black," Li tells a group of sun-beaten steel workers in one popular joke. "Chief, you are even blacker!" they answer in a play on the Chinese word for black, "*hei*," which also means corrupt.

For example, paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, then President Yang Shangkun and Premier Li Peng found their car blocked by a cow in the road one day.

Li yells: "If you don't move, I'll declare martial law!"

The cow ignores him.

Yang yells: "I'll call out the military!" The cow stares blankly.

Deng whispers in its ear, and the cow runs off, terrified.

"I said I would name him general secretary of the Communist Party," said Deng, who had already sacked two party bosses.

Such humor may seem harmless enough, but a commentary in the People's Daily, the Communist Party mouthpiece, warned cell phone spam mailers in early September that political rumor upset social stability. On the contrary, say some China analysts, it can help a beleaguered population to let off steam.

Ordinary folk have lined their bellies with satire to stomach the side effects of two decades of economic reforms, which have spawned iniquities and gross official corruption, they say.

People can live large and dream big but few have any illusions about their helplessness in policy matters.

"This leaves huge room for irony, between the way things are and the way things ought to be," said Princeton University Sinologist Perry Link.

The ironies of modern China—a portrait of Chairman Mao Zedong at one end of Tiananmen Square, the golden arches of McDonald's at the other—have long captured the imagination of a small group of pop artists.

But, mindful of the censors, they have masked their satire in metaphor and allusion, which limit their mass appeal. In private spheres of life, by contrast, punch lines slide off the tongues of cab drivers and shopkeepers.

Link has documented how China's hoi polloi have recharged the powerful oral tradition of "*shunkouliu*" or "slippery jingles," often political gripes set to rhythms dating to the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD).

Not only have jaded urbanites tuned out from the interminable drone of state news broadcasts, they have had a field day parodying socialist-style rhetoric, most recently Jiang's "Three Represents" theory on modernizing the party.

"By day, the Three Represents," goes one saying about party bureaucrats. "By night, the Three Accompaniments," a euphemism for the services of night club hostesses.

Another centers on a meeting between the United States, Russia and China to decide how to deal with Osama bin Laden.

US President George W. Bush suggests blowing him up with three missiles. Russian President Vladimir Putin favors sending three beauties to assassinate him.

Says Jiang: "Let's bore him to death with the Three Represents."

The question is, how much punch do today's political lampoons pack? China watchers debate whether they serve more as a force of resistance toward the party, or as pure and simple entertainment.

In 1989, such jokes had a serious political edge. Student protesters smashed small bottles—"*xiao ping*" in Chinese—in a show of contempt for Deng Xiaoping.

They screamed the Marxist slogan "May Deng Xiaoping live 10,000 years"—which sounds the same in Chinese as "May Deng Xiaoping be smashed to pieces 10,000 times." But the bloody crackdown on June 4, 1989, and the ban on the Falun Gong spiritual movement a decade later, have proven the risks of public opposition to the party. In the mercenary 1990s, self-interest reigned and political apathy set in.

Still, the "*shunkouliu*" show just how much the Chinese need to vent discontent, said Link. He compares the sayings to late night comedy talk shows popular in the United States, which give audiences a voyeuristic one-up on leaders not quite fit to rule.

"Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky are skewered and everybody feels sort of elevated to their level by being able to skewer them," he said. "You let off your steam and you go on with your daily life having let off the steam." But relief is short-lived at best, illusory at worst.

Geremie Barme, Sinologist at the Australian National University, said people deceive themselves and undermine their own cause by roasting leaders they know next to nothing about.

"You laugh at them but by laughing at them you humanize and therefore reinforce their position of authority," he said. *Reuters*

Blues, greens and the national religion

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

OURS is an Ateneo clan. My lolo Ponso Jimenez finished a commerce course at the Ateneo de Manila, likewise my father, Ernesto, though he later pursued law at the University of the Philippines.

During the Japanese occupation, my uncle Toto (Jose), together with his brother Ramon (Tito Ramy), employed his industrial technology degree from the Ateneo to start a business selling soap, hair tonic and cooking oil manufactured in their own basement factory. Tio Toto christened their burgeoning enterprise "Atek," to honor his alma mater. In our clan's book of memoirs published during the Centennial celebrations, Tio Toto's youngest child, his daughter Bettina who was only 5 when her father passed away in 1969, said one of her most cherished "achievements" is placing her son in the Ateneo "not because of the prestige of having a child in this school, but because of my longing for my Dad's reaction that he is, so far, the only grandson who followed his footsteps into this Jesuit educational institution."

All of my four brothers (along with cousins on my mother's side) went to the Ateneo, but for reasons too complicated to get into here, only two earned their high school degrees from the institution. Only one of them went on for college at the Loyola Heights campus, though he would graduate from Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro, also a Jesuit-run institution.

Still, growing up, I was keenly aware that blue-and-white were the family's official colors. It didn't help any that we girls all went to Maryknoll, "across the creek," as they say, from the Ateneo campus, and that on NCAA basketball nights on TV, our house would be filled with my brothers, cousins and their friends all cheering lustily for the Blue Eagles.

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SO you know on whose side I was cheering in yesterday's UAAP championship contested by Ateneo and La Salle. I don't even know why I would do so, since I didn't marry an Atenean and my son, in fact, goes to the College of St. Benilde, which is part of the La Salle System and is located just across Taft Avenue from the La Salle campus.

But there we were in my brother's home last Sunday, during Game 2 of the "Best-of-Three" series, my sisters and I and our daughters, yelling at the top of our lungs as we watched the Blue Eagles disintegrate in the face of an excellent La Salle assault.

As I write this, the momentous championship game is just beginning. My nephew Carlo, a senior at the Ateneo and son of my sister Joni, is in the bleachers, having lined up one early morning at the Araneta Coliseum ticket office with his *barkada* and finding himself already designated buyer No. 500 or something. "The one who was first in line had been there since eight the night before," Carlo reported in astonishment.

The Sports section even carried a news item about how difficult it has been scoring tickets for Game Three. La Salle alumni even put out a paid ad wondering why tickets were so scarce. According to Carlo, friends have reported that scalpers hired even the blind musicians at the nearby Fiesta Carnival to queue for tickets since Araneta management had made it a policy to sell only one ticket per person in line.

And if Araneta is filled to the rafters, can you imagine the ratings for the TV coverage?

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NO doubt about it, an Ateneo-La Salle championship game, like last year's, is blockbuster basketball. No other rivalry, save perhaps for the storied Crispa-Toyota match-up, has been marked by as much passion, controversy and marketing savvy.

So much so, in fact, that not a few, mainly those who have no reason to cheer for either Ateneo or La Salle, suspect that the UAAP, Araneta and even ABS-CBN may have skewed things to maximize profits from this historic rivalry.

Observes Bal Endriga, chair of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, a University of the East alumnus and a professor at La Salle: "You can imagine the pressure on the University of the East player who was about to score the winning shot against Ateneo in the semi-finals." The player missed his shot and thereby allowed Ateneo to face La Salle. And while a UE-Ateneo final would have made for scintillating basketball, it would not merit the fervid coverage given the Blues-Greens confrontation.

But why shouldn't it? The universe of UE's students and alumni is certainly far bigger than either Ateneo's or La Salle's, since UE was for many years the country's most populous tertiary institution. "But then, the market for Ateneo and La Salle is so much more prosperous," Endriga pointed out.

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DECRYING the "unwarranted" saturation coverage of the Ateneo-La Salle confrontation last year, a member of an e-group I'm part of speculated that maybe the reason for this was that the "majority" of the workers in the media are from both institutions.

Excuse me, I said, most people working in the media graduated from either UP, University of Sto. Tomas, even the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. Only a few, and mostly on-cam talents at that, finished at either Ateneo or La Salle. The reason the rivalry is covered so widely is, yes, the market. The universe of buyers of cell phones, beer, deodorants, mouthwash, cars, etc., from La Salle or Ateneo may not be large, but they have the money to fuel sales and the cachet to set trends and establish fads.

The Ateneo-La Salle fever is just one more proof of how the elite—and their concerns, interests and issues—dominate Philippine life, be it in politics, social affairs and the national religion, basketball.

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Why US soldiers are still here

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE DEATH of an American soldier, a Green Beret sergeant first class, in the Zamboanga bombing incident the other day came as a surprise to many people. Hardly anyone in Manila knew that there were remaining US troops in Mindanao. The public assumed they all left in June, mission accomplished. Abu Sabaya was pronounced dead, and the Abu Sayyaf group—the supposed reason for inviting US soldiers to Basilan—was declared immobilized and scattered.

Only a handful of US soldiers were supposed to have stayed behind to finish some community projects. It was assumed they would need a few weeks to pack up, although nobody really minded their residual presence.

Now the enemy has killed one of them. The United States can use this as a reason to return its combatants to Mindanao. For here at last is proof that Mindanao is indeed a major theater in the terrorist war. Those who thought this was such a contrived scenario are no longer surprised. This has never really been about the Abu Sayyaf nor the rescue of the Burnham couple. This has been, all along, about America reconfiguring its role in the world stage now that it stands unchallenged as the world's lone superpower.

The truth is that America wants to establish a more permanent military presence in key regions of the world, including Southeast Asia. Given its history of closeness to the United States and its western-leaning culture, the Philippines is the most logical host within the region. Since it is impractical for the Americans to recover the bases they left behind in 1991, or to create new ones of the scale and visibility of Subic and Clark, they are exploring new arrangements. They already have the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) as a cover for their troops on a year-round basis, even extending its scope to justify sending them to a war zone. What they need now in addition are well-equipped facilities they could use for the easy deployment and servicing of their forces, unhampered by sovereignty issues. The proposed Mutual Logistics and Service Agreement or MLSA is meant precisely to make this possible. The Americans build the facilities, bring in equipment and supplies, and nominally turn these to us on the understanding that they can use these any time. The MLSA is no doubt an accounting arrangement, plus much more.

America's ruling elites imagine all this to be integral to the global role thrust upon them by history. The Soviet Union has broken up, China has gone capitalist, the socialist alternative is dead, and a new world order has emerged whose stability rests solely upon America's readiness to serve as its guarantor and constabulary. This new world is today threatened by terrorism, rogue states and the disintegration of societies along fundamentalist lines. The United Nations, long rendered ineffective by the imperatives of multilateralism, is unable to respond decisively to these threats. America is left with no choice but to now openly carry out the task it had tried to mask after World War II—i.e. to impose its own rules of order on the rest of humanity.

These include launching pre-emptive strikes against perceived enemies in order to protect its national interests, and invading other countries run by recalcitrant regimes to force a change in leadership and to compel them to assume their sovereign responsibilities as nations. This definition of the current global situation and America's global task is laid out in President George W. Bush's National Security Strategy, first made public on Sept. 20, 2001.

To understand the terms of this strategy is to understand why American soldiers remain in Mindanao, and why the United States is bent on vading Iraq. Jay Bookman, editorial page editor of the mainstream newspaper The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, interprets this new US defense strategy in plain language: "This war, should it come, is intended to mark the official emergence of the United States as a full-fledged global empire, seizing sole responsibility and authority as planetary policeman. It would be the culmination of a plan 10 years or more in the making, carried out by those who believe the US must seize the opportunity for global domination, even if it means becoming the 'American imperialists' that our enemies always claimed we were."

Bookman is sure that this strategy was not prompted by the events of Sept. 11 because the analysis that underpins it is worded in the exactly the same language as a report issued in September 2000 by a group of interventionists and packaged as the "Project for the New American Century." Who were the authors of this report? Powerful persons now occupying sensitive positions in the present Bush administration, says Bookman, namely: Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary for defense; John Bolton, undersecretary of state; Stephen Cambone, head of Pentagon's office of program analysis and evaluation; I. Lewis Libby, chief of staff of Vice President Dick Cheney, who was himself defense chief in 1992; and Eliot Cohen and Devon Cross, members of the defense policy board which advises defense chief Donald Rumsfeld.

In the year 2000, this group identified Iraq, Iran and North Korea as short-term primary targets—one year before George W. Bush actually labeled them the Axis of Evil. Bush is clearly following a pre-9/11 script, whose plot antedates the Taliban, Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida, the Abu Sayyaf and all the enemies that the United States is now targeting in the war against global terrorism.

Would Filipinos change their view of the United States if they knew this? Our tragedy is that they probably don't care.

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Building the critical mass

COMMENTARY

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WHILE the government sits on its butt, a small group quietly moves, its impact spreading like wildfire, trying to build the critical mass needed. It is an issue that will explode in our faces if we keep on ignoring its reality and urgency. It is an old issue we try to forget and ignore. It is the issue of Metro Manila's gargantuan garbage of about 6,000 tons per day or 2.2 million tons per year.

No one wants to believe it. We are running out of dumps. We will act only if there is a major crisis. That is the Filipino way. Already, hundreds of secret illegal dumps are mushrooming all over the city, vacant lots with the smell of Smokey Mountain. There are reports of trucks dumping garbage in Manila Bay. Along Estrada Street in Singalong, a clean *estero* was suddenly clogged overnight due to the garbage thrown there. The old landfills are overflowing and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority is forever looking for new ones. Everywhere the MMDA goes, people threaten to set up barricades because no one wants their place to be a dump for Metro Manila's garbage. The MMDA moves farther and farther away. It has started hunting for landfill sites in Zambales, in islands off Luzon. As it moves farther away, the cost of hauling garbage quadruples and quintuples, and it simply asks for more money to do it.

In the last few years, we have seen garbage floating in flooded major streets like E. Rodriguez in front of St. Luke's Hospital. People think perhaps the problem will solve itself. Indifference and apathy reigns. And the government cannot seem to do anything effective or long lasting. People will act only when garbage-loaded floods burst into homes and plagues infest the city.

Yet the solution is staring the government in the face—garbage recycling. The small quiet group I am talking about, trying so hard to achieve critical mass, is Linis Ganda, headed by Narda Camacho, an overachiever whose energy is boundless. In the last few years, the international community has given Narda dozens of awards for her ingenious, cheap people-based recycling model that works without major external funding, yet few Filipinos know about her and few appreciate what she has done. Something is wrong somewhere. Either we are blind and insensitive to heroism in our midst, or the international community is wrong, the award-givers like the World Bank, the United Nations and the Association of Sixty Cities in Asia. CNN has featured Narda but she is little-known in our local media.

Let us see what Linis Ganda has done to show that a viable solution is being ignored even in the face of a looming crisis. In Narda's Linis Ganda model, only 20- percent of residual garbage goes to the dump, 50 percent is recyclable and 30 percent is organic or wet garbage, which goes to composters that produce fertilizers for farmers. But the 20-percent residual going to dumps will soon be recyclable into hollow blocks using a new and proven Filipino invention called hydromex. Soon, Narda's model can recycle 98 percent, leaving only a handful of highly toxic garbage for storage. With Narda's model, indeed we do not need dumps and expensive truck haulers. If we can just achieve the critical mass for Narda's model, we do not need landfills. The United States has abandoned landfills a decade ago because of major environmental accidents. The Dizon mine tailings dam in Zambales, which is now becoming a Marcopper-like disaster, was a target by the MMDA for a landfill using expensive Swedish technology.

Let us talk of critical mass. For the year 2001, under the Metro Manila Federation of Environment Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Linis Ganda has recycled 120,000 tons of the garbage of 400,000 households and sold the garbage for a staggering P157 million to the recycling plants. Talk of garbage being gold. Actually, garbage recycling has spurned a new industry. It is giving jobs to small people, boys hauling segregated garbage in *pedicabs*, junk collectors selling plastic, paper and steel back to firms whose imports are now reduced. Indeed, it is true people power at work without the help of the government.

Of course, Narda's model is far from the critical mass. We need a dozen more NGOs like Linis Ganda to cover the entire Metro Manila. Some statistics: For the year 2001, 17 Metro Manila mayors hauled about 2.2 million tons of garbage of 1.57 million households at a staggering cost of P6.05 billion. Linis Ganda recycled a miserly 120,000 tons, about 5.5 percent of the total. Linis Ganda is not even making a dent because of sheer size. But it is trying very hard to build a critical mass.

To see the magic of the garbage to gold phenomenon, let us extrapolate the Linis Ganda statistics of the P157-million income from 120,000 tons of recycled garbage. This translates into P1,308 per ton. Applied to the 2.2 million tons per year for Metro Manila, the expense of P6.05 billion will be converted to an income of, take note, P2.9 billion per year which goes to small people, not to big mayors. Do you see now why the international community bows its head to Narda? And do you see why the mayors will not budge?

Take note of the magic words "critical mass" because we are headed that way. Gradually, people are beginning to see the beauty and urgency of garbage recycling. Let us look into how the Linis Ganda phenomenon is spreading like wildfire. The five-star hotels are joining Narda's band wagon, led by Shangrila Hotel Makati which, for the year 2001, earned a cool P584,000 selling its garbage. It is followed by Traders, Manila Pen, New World, Shangrila Edsa, Holiday Inn and many more. Big enterprise, not just households, are adopting Narda's model. As of this writing, Linis Ganda covers about 400 of Metro Manila's 1,139 subdivisions. It services 400,000 households out of Metro Manila's 1.57 million.

There is a law mandating the recycling of garbage. But not even the President can implement it. As stated so often in the past, Metro Manila mayors refuse to take the garbage recycling option mandated by law because they will lose P6 billion in income per year from the garbage trucking business which will go to junk collectors and to the people selling their garbage instead of paying for it to be hauled. Why no one can challenge the mayors in spite of a law mandating garbage recycling is a mystery. In truth, because of this law, the mayors' operations are illegal.

Chair Bayani Fernando of the MMDA is today hailed as a hero for removing vendors from the sidewalks. But Fernando is an anti-hero in garbage recycling. He believes in landfills only because it worked for Marikina, where he was mayor before. He cannot see the big picture, only the small one which has worked for him. He made Marikina clean using garbage trucks. He wants to do the same for Metro Manila.

Ironically Malacañang recycles its own garbage and gives the money to the Malacañang Employees Cooperative. How nice and how sad all at once, fortune at the micro level and misfortune at the macro level. Why can't that be done in the entire country?

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TALK of the TOWN

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Is the House coddling Mark Jimenez?

THE NUMBER of House members opposing the extradition of Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez to the United States has more than doubled to 134 in just two weeks.

They are assailing a Supreme Court decision canceling the P1-million bail Jimenez posted with the Manila Regional Trial Court.

In a decision handed down on Sept. 24, the high court said the constitutional right to post bail did not apply to Jimenez, who is wanted in the United States for tax evasion, mail fraud, conspiracy and illegal contributions to Democratic Party candidates, including Bill Clinton.

The Supreme Court said the right to bail applied only when a "person has been arrested and detained in the Philippines for violation of Philippine criminal laws. It does not apply to extradition proceedings."

Many congressmen claim that the constitutional right to bail is superior to Presidential Decree 1069, the Philippine Extradition Law, which Ferdinand Marcos signed into law to go after Filipinos fighting his martial law regime in the United States.

In their defense of Jimenez, legislators also mention the immunity from arrest of a member of Congress, the right of representation, and alleged US pressure that forced the high tribunal to issue the ruling.

If Congress does not agree with the way the Supreme Court interprets the extradition treaty, it can amend PD 1069.

'We are protecting the constitutional right of a respected member'

By Rep. Willie Buyson Villarama
Aksyon, 2nd District, Bulacan

IF "coddling" means that the House of Representatives is protecting the constitutional rights of a respected member and the integrity of the institution, and is seeking to inquire into the fairness of Philippine-US relations, then I say that the House is "coddling" Rep. Mark Jimenez.

To summarize the case briefly, Jimenez is the subject of a request from the US Department of Justice to be extradited to America for alleged crimes committed in the State of Florida.

Jimenez has applied for bail to seek liberty and to prepare for his defense. This was approved by a regional trial court. The Supreme Court, unfortunately, ruled that he was subject to immediate arrest and deportation. Jimenez therefore received a punishing one-two punch from the criminal justice system: cancellation of his bail by the Supreme Court and swift arrest in the hands of the justice secretary.

It is important to emphasize several points:

Jimenez has not been charged in a Philippine court; the complaints against him were filed in a US court; he is entitled to presumption of innocence; he is innocent until proven guilty; he is not a fugitive from the US justice system because he had long returned to Manila when the charges were filed against him. He had all the chances to flee and run from justice since the charges were brought against him. He did not do so because he has always claimed he is innocent of the accusations.

Finally, Jimenez is a duly elected member of the House of Representatives, representing the people of the Sixth District of Manila. He is entitled to the rights and privileges of a member of Congress, one of which is exemption from arrest when Congress is in session.

Seriously flawed

A majority of the House, including this representation, recognize the authority of the Supreme Court. At the same time, we have a right to ask the Court to review its ruling if we believe it is seriously flawed.

The flaw is reflected in the minority decision of the seven associate justices who dissented from the majority vote. The justices voted 8-6, which meant that almost as many justices were inclined to honor MJ's right to bail. Educators like Fr. Joaquin Bernas, SJ, have also criticized the high court ruling. We are reaffirming some of the major points in the dissenting opinion.

We firmly believe that MJ and other Filipinos sharing his experience are entitled to bail under our criminal justice system. We believe that the Philippine government has the right to exercise discretion in the implementation of the extradition treaty. We need not bow to pressure from a foreign country if it means protecting a Filipino's right to self-defense.

Other countries, principally Canada, know how to play the "coddling game." Vancouver has steadfastly refused to extradite the suspected killer of the late Antique Gov. Evelio Javier, a beloved classmate, arguing that Arturo Pacificador, the suspect, cannot get justice in Philippine courts.

We are asking why other extradition cases are gathering dust while that of Representative Jimenez's is being fast-tracked. We are asking why is there no zeal in extraditing foreigners facing similar recall moves from their governments.

The justice secretary has also shown indecent haste in wishing to have Jimenez arrested. He seems to be making up for his failure to have the Chinese ambassador to the Philippines declared *persona non grata*.

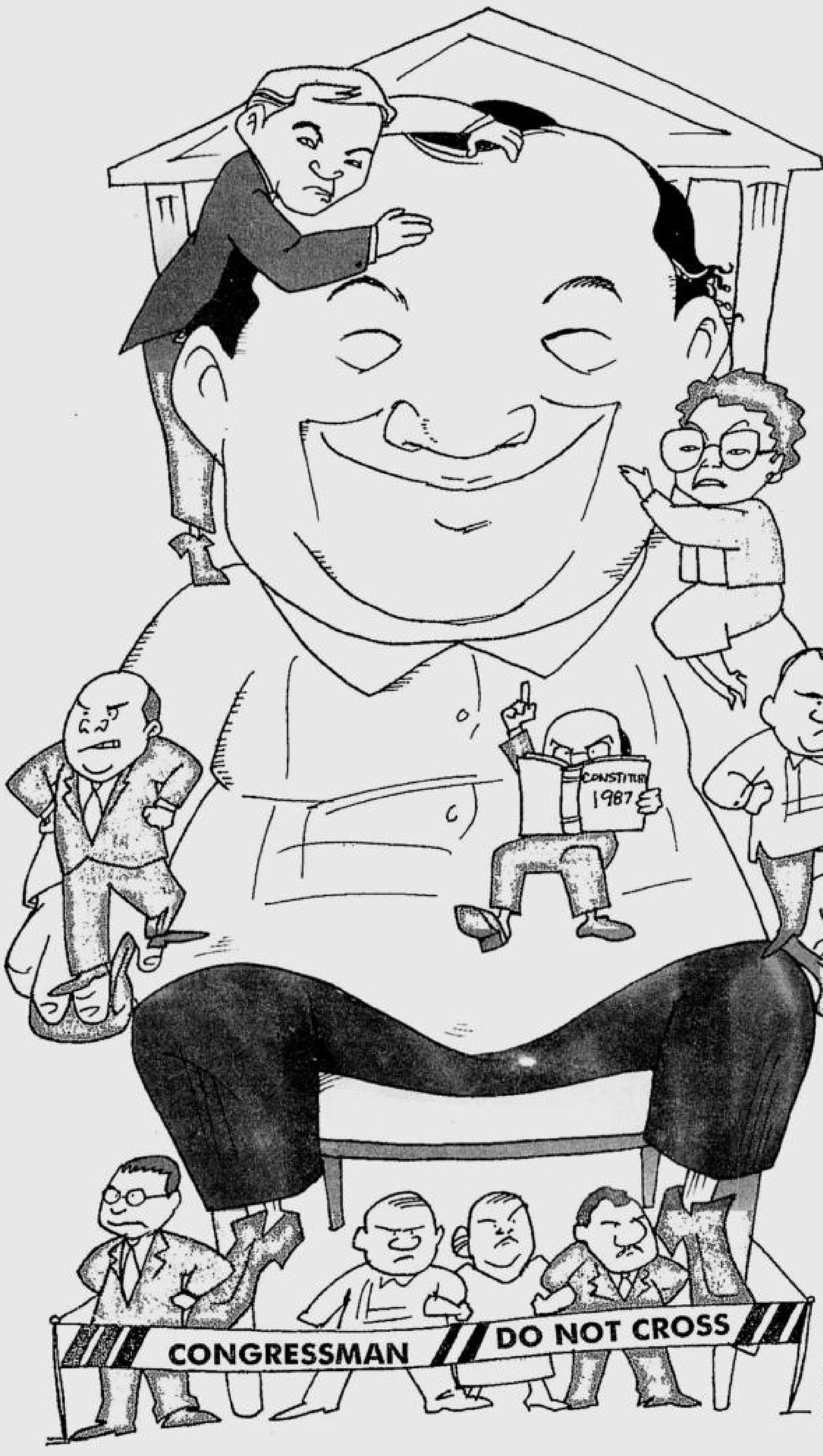
The Americans, sad to say, do not believe in having a level playing field. Historically, the US military command has been guilty of letting crimes committed by US servicemen against Filipino civilians at Clark and Subic go unpunished. The RP-US Bases Treaty allowed US servicemen to leave the Philippines without facing trial here.

It is also a fact that the Americans are seeking exclusion from the coverage of the International Criminal Court (ICC), a tribunal endorsed by most civilized countries, because Washington does not want the ICC to have jurisdiction over American nationals involved in war crimes.

There is another danger. Filipino citizens, including overseas workers, could be harassed under an extradition treaty, arrested and charged in foreign courts.

Scheming employers, who feel aggrieved by workers who may have insisted on their rights or have won labor cases, can use the extradition treaty as an instrument to harass and intimidate former employees.

It is for this reason that we seek a review of the extradition treaty to correct the no-bail provision and an inquiry into the right to bail under the Philippine justice system. If a member of Congress can be subjected to discrimination, abuse and harassment, what justice can an ordinary Filipino or overseas worker expect?



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'He can clear his name in the US'

By Hernando B. Perez
Justice Secretary

THE RECENT decision of the Supreme Court on the cancellation of bail of Rep. Mark Jimenez has drawn varied opinions particularly from members of Congress.

By airing their dissent, members of Congress do not encroach upon the powers of the judiciary but merely exercise their freedom of speech. It would be difficult if they carry out their threat to prevent the arrest of Rep. Jimenez the moment the decision of the Supreme Court becomes final and executory.

Checks and balances to remedy the excesses of another branch of government should not be done without regard of existing laws.

If Congress does not agree with the way the executive branch implements the extradition treaties, with Presidential Decree 1069 or the Philippine Extradition Law as guide, and how the Supreme Court interprets the law, it can amend the decree. But until that happens, Congress has to respect the way the law is viewed by both branches of government.

The same applies to the judiciary. While the courts have the power to interpret treaties, the meaning given them by the department particularly charged with their negotiation and enforcement is accorded great weight.

Since a treaty is a joint executive-legislative act, it enjoys the presumption that it was first carefully studied and determined to be constitutional before it was adopted and given the force of law in the country.

Under the principle of *pacta sunt servanda*, countries are bound to comply in good faith with their treaty obligations. Fulfilling our obligations under our nine extradition treaties promotes amity with the requesting states, while our failure to do so would create a bad image of our country before the international community and would discourage other states from entering into treaties with us.

Implicit in treaties is the unbending commitment that the perpetrators of crimes will not be coddled by any signatory state.

No US pressure

Amid raised eyebrows, I will say that there is no pressure from the United States for us to extradite Jimenez. It is, however, normal for the United States to inquire into the status of all its requests for extradition pending before our courts, not only that of Jimenez which was received by the Philippines in 1999 but filed only in 2001 after the Supreme Court ruled that he is not entitled to a copy of the extradition package during the evaluation stage. The request was received during the Estrada administration with Serafin R. Cuevas as justice secretary.

While the bail issue was pending before the Supreme Court, both the Department of Justice, as representative of the United States, and Jimenez's counsels have already offered their respective evidence in connection with the extradition case. Let us just wait for the decision of the extradition court.

The extradition court will not ascertain the guilt or innocence of the extraditee, like Jimenez.

It will only determine whether the extradition request complies with the extradition treaty and whether the person sought should be extradited.

Once the request is granted, the government has the obligation to place the extraditee at the disposal of the foreign authorities to enable him to face the charges against him before the foreign court.

If Jimenez maintains that he is innocent, what better way to clear his name than to submit himself to the US authorities and defend himself before the US court.

'The court system in America is racist'

By Conrado Fiel
One of five Filipino detainees of the NBI facing extradition to the United States

THIS is the good thing that came out from the controversy over Mark Jimenez: people are becoming more aware of the plight of Filipinos like us.

The RP-US Extradition Treaty and the country's Extradition Law, Presidential Decree 1069, and the entire system are really unfair and should be overhauled. People who have backers get off easily while we rot here in this small detention center. This is not even a jail but a detention center and yet some of us have been here for years. The extradition treaty is biased against Filipinos. *Di ba?*

From whom should we expect protection of our rights as Filipinos but our government? Where would we go but to our country? All five of us here are Filipinos. But look at what happened.

We have this Extradition Law signed during martial law, when there was no habeas corpus, and yet we are still following it. The extradition treaty is onerous because the United States can just ask for any person, regardless of nationality, and our government surrenders him.

Everyone should support moves in Congress to review or repeal PD 1069 and the extradition treaty. Some of us were allowed to post bail but they were later cancelled.

The authorities say we should voluntarily have ourselves extradited to the United States because we can post bail there and be free. That's a lie. The court system there is racist.

Do you know how much they asked for my bail? $1 million. And that was in 1981. Do you have $1 million? Eighty percent of people in jail in the United States are black. The whites get off easily. They are released on OR (own recognizance).

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This detention center is cramped and we are not even allowed to go out and have some sunlight. *Itong kulay namin hindi puti kundi putla dahil walang araw.* And they only know how to cook sardines, eggs, and vegetables. This is what we have again and again and again. And sometimes the food is already spoiled.

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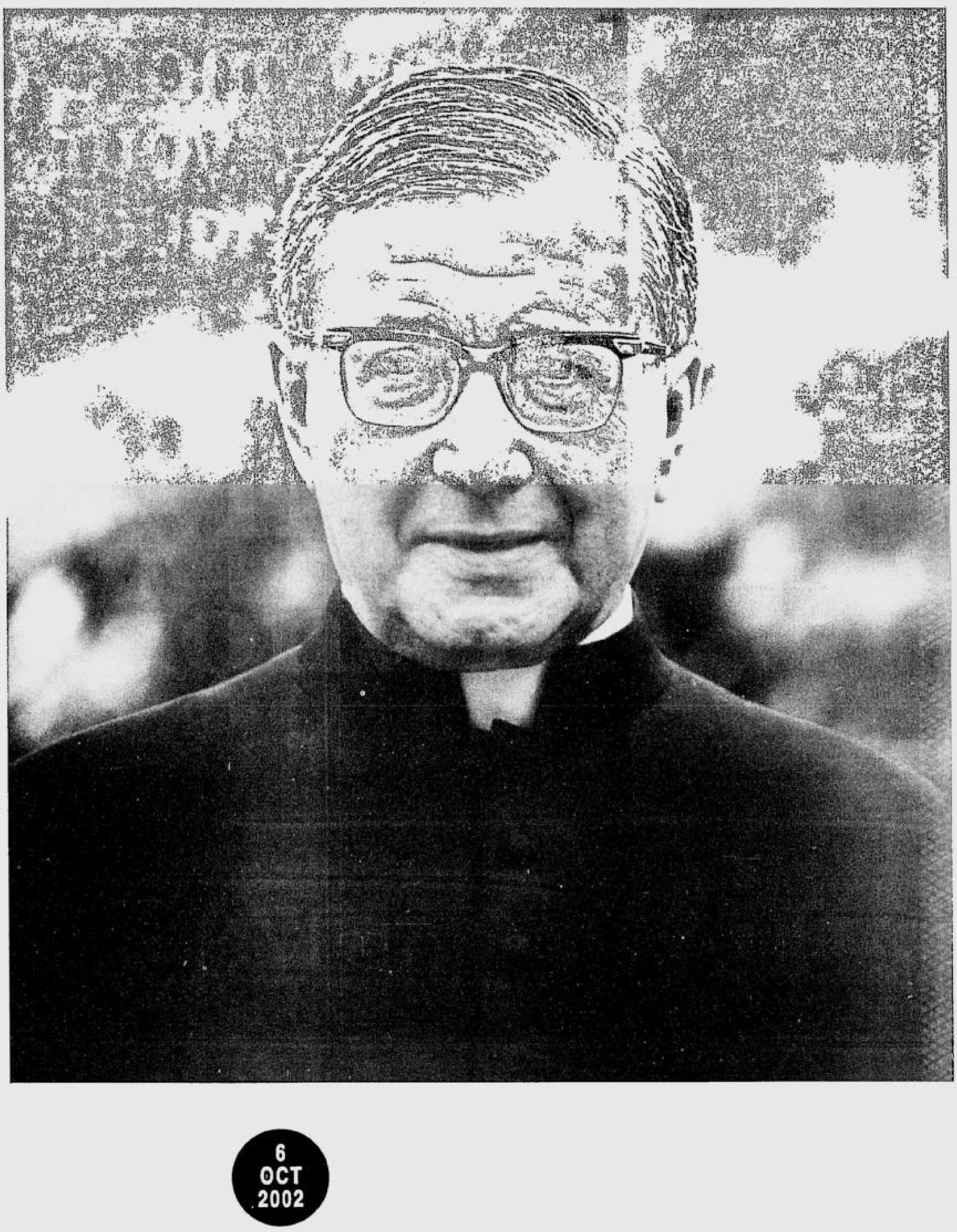

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Breakfast for Brighter Brains

Did you know that kids who eat breakfast do better in school?

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In one study in the US, a newly implemented school breakfast program resulted in a boost in learning and achievement. Students demonstrated a general increase in math grades and reading scores, increased attention span, reduced nurse visits and improved behavior.

It is highly possible that children who eat a nutritious breakfast are smarter. Recent reports from the American Dietetic Association state that skipping breakfast has an adverse effect on the problem-solving ability of children, particularly their ability to recall and make use of newly acquired information. This is because when kids are hungry, they experience restlessness and fatigue, making it very difficult for them to pay attention and learn. Little "breakfast skippers" have also been found to hardly ever make up for lost nutrients. On the other hand, children who regularly ate their morning meals, receive far more nutrients over the course of the day.

Breakfast Benefits*

Studies have shown that eating a nutritious breakfast gives children the nutritional boost they need to get the learning process going. There are other benefits as well. Children who eat breakfast (when compared to those who rarely eat breakfast):

* Learn better (and have improved memory)
* Achieve more (better math and reading scores; and better standardized test scores)
* Participate in the class more often (and pay better attention to their teachers)
* Are less nervous and less depressed
* Behave better (fewer trips to the principal's office)
* Attend school more often (less absences and tardiness)
* Visit the school nurse less often

Children who are hungry can be sluggish, irritable, or can appear disinterested when they have a difficult task to perform. In addition, being hungry can affect their growth, their personality, and their ability to get along with others. (*KidsHealth, November 2001)

Brain Food

While breakfast is important, you should refrain from giving your child just about anything in the morning. Choose carefully. Give him food rich in iron, protein and carbohydrates. Foods that are a good source of iron and long-lasting carbohydrates are better at promoting brain alertness than fatty, low-fiber foods. Also, to ensure that healthy headstart, it is best if you provide your child with complete and nutritious milk to make up for any nutrients that may be lacking in their diet.

Iron is probably the best known nutritive mineral. It helps carry oxygen into the brain. An iron deficiency can result in problems associated with memory, concentration, and reasoning. Raisins, red meat, tofu, and squash seeds are good sources of iron.

Eggs, specifically their yolks, contain choline, helpful to memory and learning. A simple slice of whole wheat toast embodies a sophisticated combination of compounds that relieve stress and anxiety while simultaneously improving concentration. Like other whole grains, whole wheat contains B6 and folic acid, which stimulate production of norepinephrine, serotonin, and dopamine to relieve stress. These nutrients also produce catecholamines to prevent anxiety and increase concentration. Fresh fruits are most famous for containing Vitamin C. Aside from providing relief from the common cold, Vitamin C helps prevent fatigue and helps improve concentration. It also boosts the body's absorption of iron which, in turn, helps learning and reasoning. (Conscious Choice, November 1998)

Of course, there is no one food that solely makes your child smarter. It will be helpful to continuously provide all the essential nutrients that a growing child needs. Thus, it is essential that you give your child a healthy breakfast and milk that will help enhance his brain development, like a growing-up milk that has a right balance of nutrients, including Preformed DHA and AA.

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The most important meal of the day is also important for your child's brain. Don't let your little one skip it. Make sure you give your child a golden headstart--nutritious and delicious breakfast paired with complete and balanced growing-up milk that supports your child's mental development.

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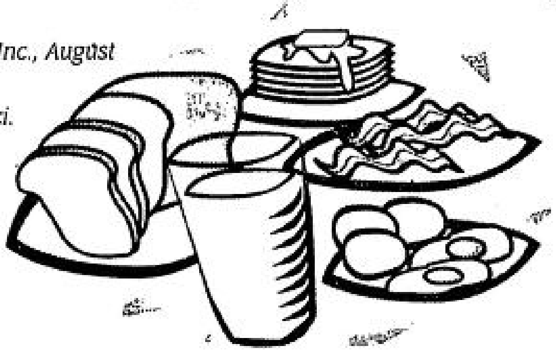

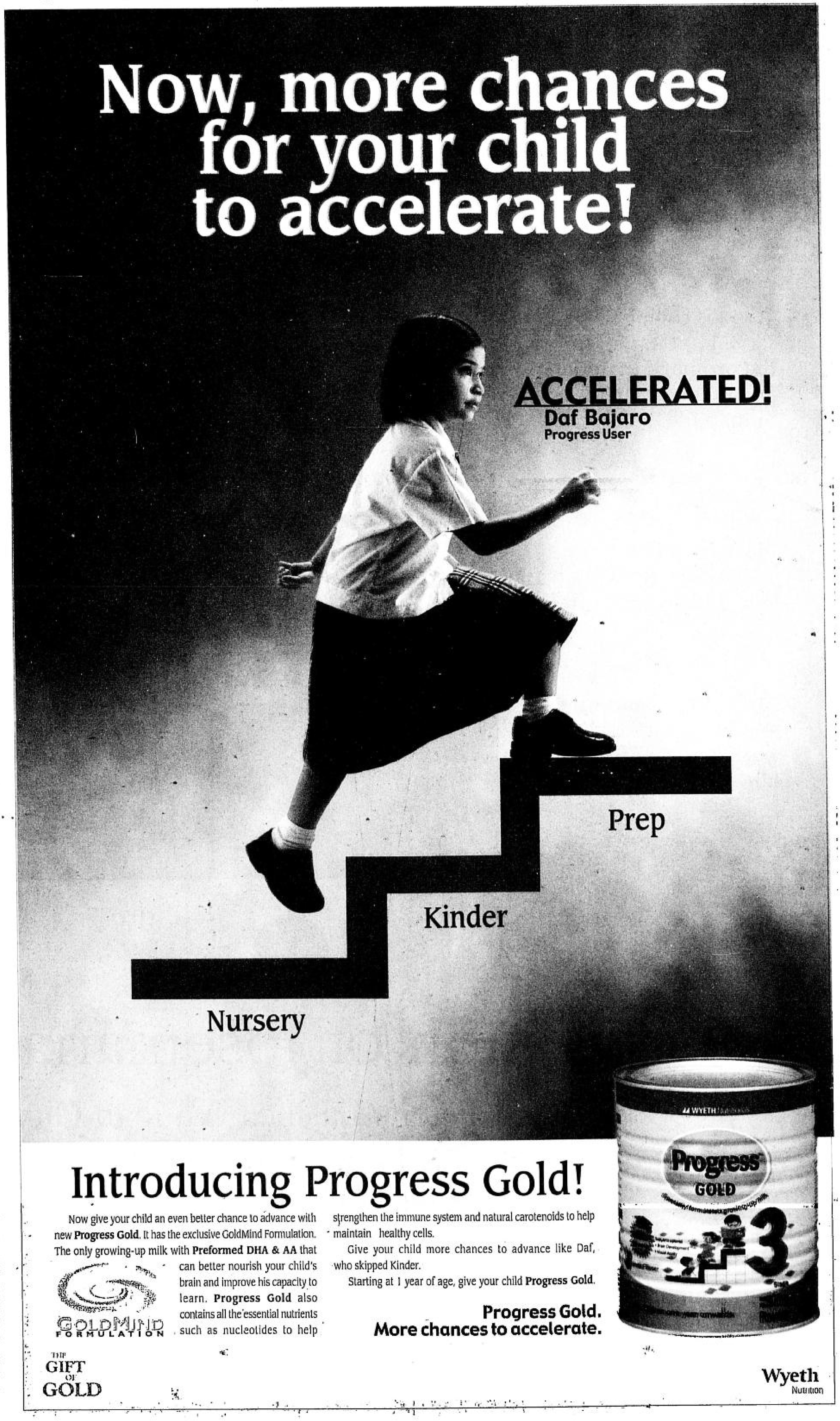

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Iraq hiding arms ahead of UN checks, US says

WASHINGTON—The United States has detected Iraqi efforts to conceal weapons of mass destruction in anticipation of UN inspections, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Friday.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said separately that US intelligence has concluded that Iraq has resumed production of chemical warfare agents and has a large scale biological weapons production capability.

"Since (UN) inspections ended in 1998, Iraq has maintained its chemical weapons effort, energized its missile program, and invested more heavily in biological weapons; most analysts assess Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program," a CIA document said.

It said Iraq largely has rebuilt missile and biological weapons facilities damaged during Operation Desert Fox in 1998 and has expanded its chemical and biological infrastructure under the cover of civilian production.

The Defense Department did not give details of Iraq's current efforts to hide its chemical and biological weapons program, but spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said they were intended to divert any inspections which may be approved by the UN Security Council.

Clarke said the US information had to remain secret. But the Pentagon said it would brief reporters Monday on Iraq's "deception and denial" tactics.

The accusation comes as Washington presses for a UN Security Council resolution that would compel Iraq to accept a tough new verification regime or face military action.

Amid US and British accusations that Iraq has chemical and biological weapons and is trying to acquire a nuclear bomb, Iraq agreed last month to allow the return of arms inspectors who were withdrawn in 1998 ahead of US-British military strikes.

Washington has, however, urged chief weapons inspector Hans Blix to delay the inspectors return until the Security Council gives him new instructions.

Clarke said Iraqi deception about its secret weapons programs has been going on so long "there is a very, very high threshold to overcome in terms of credibility."

"Part of the consideration has got to be the fact that lies and deception on the part of this regime is a very active and effective part of (Iraq's) offensive," she said.

Pentagon civilian leaders have taken the hardest line against Iraq in internal administration debates, arguing for pre-emptive military action.

The department has linked Iraq to al-Qaida, charging that senior al-Qaida officials have established longstanding relations and Iraq may have trained al-Qaida militants.

The CIA meanwhile released a 24-page document summarizing "key judgements" on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

"Baghdad has begun renewed production of chemical warfare agents, probably including mustard, sarin, cyclosarin, and VX," it said.

Iraq's chemical warfare capability was reduced during UN arms inspections before 1998, and is probably more limited today than it was at the time of the Gulf War, the report said.

However, it said Iraq probably has a few hundred tons of chemical warfare agents in stock.

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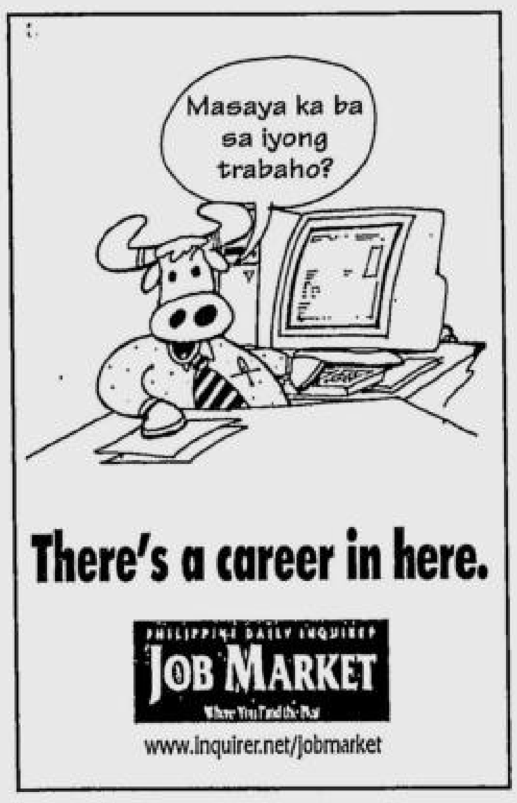
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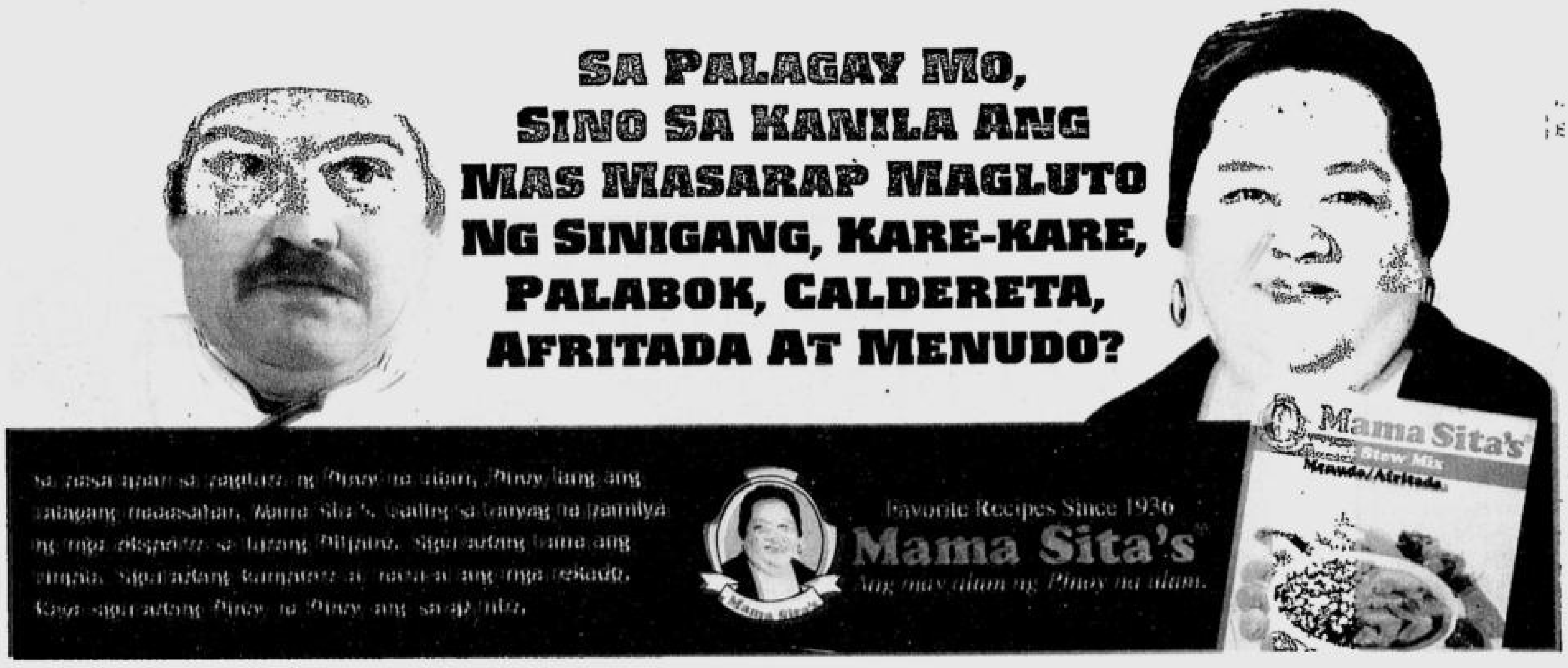

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Smoker with cancer awarded $28B

BETTY Bullock left, aged 64, is shown with her only child, Jodie Goldstein right and her grandchild Jacqueline Goldstein in this undated family photograph. REUTERS

LOS ANGELES—US tobacco giant Philip Morris was Friday ordered to pay a record $28 billion in damages to a 64-year-old lung cancer victim who argued that the firm failed to warn her of the dangers of smoking.

A jury in Los Angeles deliberated for two days before ordering the firm, which had a market value of around $83 billion based on its Thursday share price, to pay the largest award ever granted to an individual smoker.

The punitive damages went to Betty Bullock, who began smoking at the age of 17, and mainly smoked Philip Morris' Benson and Hedges cigarettes until she was diagnosed with terminal cancer in February 2001.

She claimed she had succumbed to the tobacco company's advertisements years ago that made smoking appear glamorous and hedged on the issue of whether smoking was addictive and caused cancer.

Bullock's attorney Michael Piuze said the jury slapped the tobacco firm with huge judgement because it could not satisfactorily answer a key question: "Why did it lie and cheat and steal over a period of 45 years, while it made over $100 billion and over 15 million Americans died of tobacco-related illnesses," he said.

The same panel last week found Philip Morris, which makes Marlboro cigarettes, liable for fraud, negligence and making a defective product after a one month trial.

Philip Morris immediately said it would appeal the decision, made in the punitive damages phase of a lawsuit in which Bullock was last week awarded $850,000 in compensatory damages.

"Testimony during the trial showed that Ms Bullock was aware of the health risks of smoking and was warned repeatedly of those risks by her doctors over four decades, and her daughter also urged her to quit," its vice president William Ohlemeyer said.

"Her response: 'I am an adult, this is my business,'" Ohlemeyer said.

The company said the $28-billion figure is nearly 33,000 times more than the compensatory award, well in excess of the four-to-one ratio suggested by the US Supreme Court.

Jurors had asked to be told the value of Philip Morris' business in order to calculate the damages.

They concluded that if they decided on punitive damages they would "need to do it in a way that's a deterrent, in a way that actually hurts them and in a way that sets an example for the corporate world," juror Jose Farinas said. *AFP*

Pope to canonize Escriva

VATICAN CITY—More than 200,000 pilgrims are expected to throng St. Peter's Square Sunday to mark the canonization of Jose Maria Escriva de Balaguer, founder of the conservative and secretive Catholic lay order, Opus Dei.

Pope John Paul II will preside over the ceremony to make a saint of one of the most controversial figures in the recent history of the Catholic Church, whom he beatified in 1992.

The order said this week that 230,000 people from 84 countries had confirmed their attendance at the event, 40 percent of them young people.

Escriva, born in Spain in 1902, has long been a controversial figure within the Catholic Church, because the organization he founded in 1928 is seen by some critics as a Catholic cult, and also for his alleged ties to the regime of General Francisco Franco in Spain.

Opus Dei has enjoyed a somewhat privileged status at the Vatican. John Paul II granted it the status of "personal prelature" in 1982, meaning that its members' activities fall under Opus Dei jurisdiction rather than directly under the local bishop.

The order has its own priests, numbering around 2,000, and its own seminaries.

Several of John Paul II's key officials are Opus Dei members, including his spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls. Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani, Archbisop of Lima and a member of the college of cardinal electors, who will chose the next pope, is also a member.

There are rumors that other leading cardinals are among the membership of 80,000, but such is the organization's secrecy that the identity of its members is not common knowledge.

Escriva is said to have miraculously healed a Spanish doctor who developed radiation sickness in his hands after exposure to x-rays.

Escriva, who died in 1975 and was buried in Rome, had appeared to be on the fast-track to sainthood when he was beatified in 1992, but his elevation to "blessed" status only focused the media spotlight on his life and the order he founded.

A Newsweek profile in 1992 accused him of being an admirer of Adolf Hitler, having welcomed the possibility that Hitler would defeat communism, and there have been allegations of Opus Dei's involvement on the political as well as the ecclesiastical right wing. *AFP*

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US says it has neutralized terrorist cell within border

WASHINGTON—Four "suspected terrorist cell" members were arrested on Friday for conspiring after the Sept. 11 attacks last year to join al-Qaida and Taliban forces fighting against the United States in Afghanistan, Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

The four were among six charged defendants—five US-born citizens and a Jordanian living in the United States.

All six were onetime residents in Portland, Oregon. Ashcroft said two defendants remain "at large overseas."

"We've neutralized a suspected terrorist cell within our borders," Ashcroft told a news conference in announcing the charges against the six defendants.

The four-count indictment alleges a conspiracy to levy war against the United States, a conspiracy to provide material support and resources to al-Qaida—the group Washington blames for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks—a conspiracy to contribute services to al-Qaida and the Taliban, and possession of firearms to further crimes of violence.

If convicted, the defendants could face up to' life in prison, Ashcroft said.

The defendants were identified as Jeffrey Leon Battle, a 32-year-old former US Army Reserve member; Patrice Lumumba Ford, 31; Ahmed Ibrahim Bilal, 24; Muhammad Ibrahim Bilal, 22; Habis Abdulla al Saoub, 37, the Jordanian; and October Martinique Lewis, 25, who was Battle's ex-wife.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the indictment charges that all of the defendants but Lewis acquired various firearms and engaged in weapons and physical training for preparation to fight a jihad (holy war), Ashcroft said.

In October 2001, as US troops entered into battle against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the indictment charges that Battle, Ford, Muhammad Bilal, Ahmed Bilal and al Saoub began to travel to Afghanistan to join forces with Taliban and al-Qaida troops, Ashcroft said.

The indictment charges the five defendants purchased airline tickets to Hong Kong with the intent of traveling to Afghanistan from China and Pakistan, he said.

On Nov. 2, 2001, Battle told his ex-wife that the group had encountered difficulties crossing the border of China into Afghanistan, according to the indictment.

It charges that on eight occasions, Lewis wired $2,800 to Battle overseas, knowing the money would be used to support his attempt to reach Afghanistan. *Reuters*

Death toll in Washington shooting spree rises to 6

WASHINGTON—Police in Washington said Saturday that they have linked a fatal shooting here to five others in the region over the past few days—apparently the work of a skilled marksman targeting victims at random.

The first five victims were slain within a few miles of each other in a span of 16 hours late Wednesday and early Thursday in Montgomery County, Maryland, an affluent suburb bordering Washington.

The latest victim, a 72-year old man, was shot in the chest at around 9:15 p.m. Thursday, while standing on a street corner in Washington, close to the Maryland border.

Officials with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said the same high-speed weapon was used to shoot the Washington man and at least three of the five earlier victims.

Police early Saturday were also trying to establish whether the shooting of a woman at a shopping mall in the Virginia town of Spotsylvania 83 km south of Washington was by the hand of the same sniper, or a copycat assault.

The woman, who survived the shooting, which occured late Friday, was being treated at an area hospital for a single gunshot wound to the back.

FBI agents have said a semiautomatic rifle, such as an M-16 or a sniper rifle, was probably used in the attacks, and said the perpetrator was probably highly skilled in long-range shooting—possibly an experienced hunter or someone with a military background.

Police throughout the Washington area have put out an alert for a "gray or silver midsized vehicle or car seen entering parking lot and leaving at a rapid speed at the time of the shooting," Baur said. Officials were also looking for a white van carrying two people as a "vehicle of interest" in the Montgomery County shootings.

"No doubt, I'm on edge, the people in our community are on edge," Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose told reporters. *AFP*

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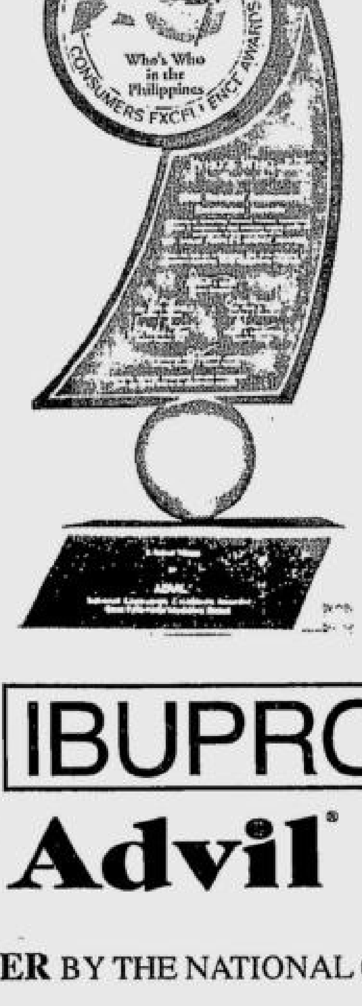

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India, Pakistan stage tit-for-tat missile tests, heighten tensions

ISLAMABAD—Nuclear neighbors Pakistan and India launched apparent tit-for-tat missile tests Friday, following a resurgence of high-stake tensions over Kashmir and less than a week before elections in Pakistan.

The Indian test of a medium-range surface-to-air missile came some nine hours after Pakistan tested its own nuclear-capable medium-range ballistic missile.

Islamabad then angrily accused India of fuelling an arms race, a charge New Delhi immediately called an "overreaction."

Pakistan first test fired its home-grown Hatf-IV or Shaheen missile, with a range of up to 800 km, at 8:30 a.m. in the country's south.

India then tested its Akash missile, capable of travelling 25 km, off its east coast at 4:30 p.m., calling it a "routine" exercise.

"We believe that India has done this to initiate an arms race which Pakistan has not at all indulged in," Information Minister Nisar Memon told AFP.

"India appears to be accelerating the arms race, which is regrettable."

New Delhi strongly refuted Pakistan's allegation, saying the two tests were not comparable.

"This (the Akash missile) is only for air defence. How can it be compared to Shaheen?" India's defence ministry spokesperson P.K. Bandopadhyay told AFP.

"We have an integrated missile program in system and it is being tested according to plan. It has no relation to Shaheen. Pakistan's reaction is an overreaction. In no way is it an act of provocation or an arms race."

Pakistani foreign ministry spokesperson Aziz Ahmed Khan earlier said the Shaheen test had no connection to the dispute with India over Kashmir, which has sparked two wars and seen both countries deploy a million troops along their common border since last December.

Memon said India was trying to intimidate the residents of the disputed Himalayan region at the heart of the 10-month military standoff between the nuclear neighbors.

"India wants to show their might by showing its capabilities to the people of Kashmir to further dominate them," he said.

India accuses Pakistan of backing a 13-year insurgency by Islamic militants in the Indian-ruled half of Kashmir. Pakistan denies giving more than diplomatic and moral support. *AFP*

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An aged Afghan militiaman loyal to the warlord Hazrat-Ali holds a rocket propelled grenade launcher while resting in the outpost, in Agam, in Tora Bora, some 100 km east of Kabul, Oct. 3. He is part of an eight thousand strong force engaged by the warlord that controls eastern Afghanistan region bordering Pakistan.

'American Taliban' draws 20, apologizes

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—A US judge on Friday sentenced a tearful and apologetic John Walker Lindh, the American captured by US forces during the war in Afghanistan, to 20 years in prison for fighting in support of the Taliban.

Before the sentence was announced, Lindh apologized for his actions and told the court he regretted ever joining the Taliban and did not do so in order to fight America.

"You made a bad choice to join the Taliban and to engage in that effort over there," US District Judge T.S. Ellis told Lindh as he pronounced sentence. Lindh, 21, must serve a minimum of 17 years, if he is given time off for good behavior.

Dressed in a green prison jumpsuit, Lindh tearfully read a statement for about 15 minutes, breaking down in sobs repeatedly as he apologized for his actions.

Under a July plea deal, Lindh was spared a possible life prison sentence, and all terrorism charges against him were dropped. In exchange, he pleaded guilty to two charges of aiding the Taliban and carrying explosives and agreed to cooperate with authorities and be interrogated.

The hard-line Islamic Taliban, which harbored the al-Qaida network led by Osama bin Laden, ruled Afghanistan until it fell last year after a huge US air assault.

Lindh had originally been charged with 10 counts of conspiring to kill Americans and conspiring with the Taliban and al-Qaida. The United States blames bin Laden and al-Qaida for the Sept. 11 attacks that killed more than 3,000 people.

"I went to Afghanistan because I believed it was my religious duty to assist my fellow Muslims militarily in their jihad," said Lindh, who converted to Islam as a teen-ager. "I have never understood jihad to mean anti-Americanism or terrorism. I condemn terrorism on every level unequivocally."

Just hours before Lindh's sentencing, Briton Richard Reid declared himself an enemy of the United States as he pleaded guilty in a court in Boston to trying to blow up an airplane with explosives in his shoes.

Reviled by some Americans who saw him as a traitor, Lindh, who became known as the American Taliban, was caught in Afghanistan in late November while fighting with the Taliban.

He was handed over to the US military on Dec. 1, 2001.

"I understand why so many Americans were angry when I was first discovered in Afghanistan," Lindh said. "I realize that many still are. But I hope that with time and understanding, those feelings will change." *Reuters*

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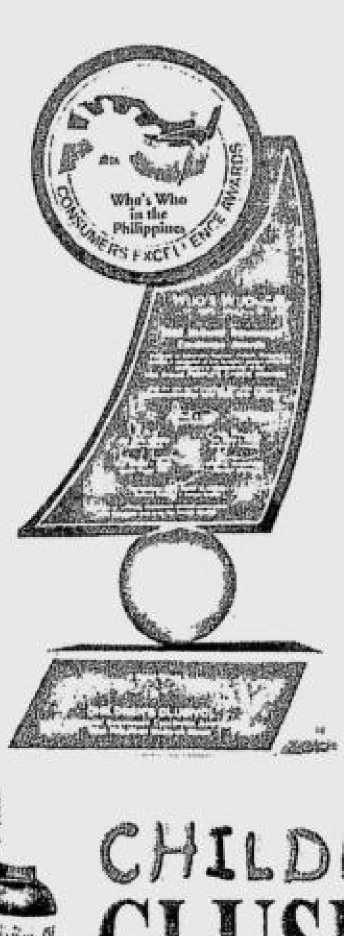
South Korean girls inspect one of a dozen sculptures installed along Pusan's Haeundae beach at sunrise Oct. 4, part of Pusan's Biennale 2002 arts festival. The festival showcases work by South Korean artists. The event's theme is inspired by the sea.



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Pa surrenders 2 rebel kids

PAGADIAN CITY—A farmer from Tigbao, Zamboanga del Sur personally surrendered two of his three children who were recruited by the New People's Army in 1999.

Almaquio Villa of Barangay Maragang on Tuesday handed over Jonathan, 11, and Jenny, 17, to the military here.

Villa said his two children never wanted to become rebels but were only forced by circumstances and the NPA's persistence.

He said that in 1999, he left all seven of his children under the care of his brother to work as tenant in Sapad, Lanao del Norte.

Villa said he became the family's sole breadwinner after his wife left him for another man.

As he was toiling to feed his family, Villa said the NPA, through a certain Tita Baba, started to eye his three children.

Baba, he said, promised to bring the children to Sapad so they could be with him.

"They (NPA) took advantage of the innocence of my children and their lack of education," Villa lamented.

And because he wanted so much to be with their father, Jerry, then 16, went with Baba. His siblings heard nothing from him since.

Then in April 2000, Baba went back and convinced Jenny, then 14, to go with her.

But instead of bringing her to Sapad, Baba brought her to Lacarayan, an NPA influenced barangay in Tigbao. There, they allegedly joined an anti-government rally.

After the rally, Jenny said, they walked for several hours and eventually reached an NPA camp in the village.

There, she met dozens of minors undergoing NPA training.

She too was drafted and trained for about a month.

Soon after, Jonathan, then 9, arrived and was taught about the communist ideology.

Jenny recounted that as she was busy doing kitchen chores, a ranking commander she would not name, commissioned her to assassinate a military officer. She was to work as househelp for that military officer.

"I declined to accept the mission because it would be too risky on my part," Jenny said.

Since arriving at the NPA camp, Jenny always wanted to go home.

The opportunity came during a meeting of top NPA leaders in the village last month.

Jenny said she, along with two other minor cadres including her brother, were directed to conduct perimeter patrol. This was when she stumbled on an old trail and decided it was time to escape.

With her brother in tow, Jenny said she ran as fast as she could.

The siblings reached Barangay Upper Nilo where a local helped them get to Maragang.

The next day, she and Jonathan boarded a bus to Sapad where they were reunited with their father.

The elder Villa said he was hoping that Jerry would come home soon.

The military here said the recruitment of minors into the communist movement has been unabated.

Col. Ignacio Obligacion, commander of the 51st Infantry Battalion based in Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur, said aside from minors, the rebels were also targeting members of the indigenous communities.

In Butuan City, the police said the NPA launched an aggressive recruitment campaign in Caraga region.

Chief Supt. Alberto Olario, Caraga police chief, said the rebel group's activities were concentrated in boundaries of Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur and Davao Oriental. *Hernan P. dela Cruz with reports from Franklin A. Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

SPELUNKING IN SAMAL Participants to the two-day Edge Outdoor Adventure Backpackers Unlimited explore the 1.8-kilometer Baga Cave in Talikud Island in Samal, Davao del Norte. RYAN LIM

Bohol cops alerted for NPA attacks

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—The Bohol police office has alerted the different police stations in the province against possible attacks from the New People's Army.

Senior Insp. Magdaleno Mendez Jr., Bohol police operations officer, however, clarified that there was no actual reports of any immediate threats in the province.

"It (The warning) is just precautionary," he told the INQUIRER.

He explained that the alert was issued after Communist Party of the Philippines spokesperson Gregorio Rosal alias Ka Roger declared an "open war" against the government.

"We also considered the recent incidents involving raids and attacks by the NPA in different parts of the country," he added.

Mendez said Supt. Sancho Bernales, Bohol police chief, instructed station chiefs to be prepared particularly in towns where there were reports of sightings of armed men.

He, however, admitted there had been no recent sighting of suspected rebels.

"The instruction is not to take reports (of rebel movements) lightly so we will not be caught flat-footed," he added.

On Sept. 13, suspected NPA members torched an Isuzu Elf of businessman Maximo Estoreon in Barangay Lapacan Sur, Inabanga town.

The rebels swooped down on Estoreon's residence looking for firearms but found none.

Delayed response on the part of the Inabanga police station was one of the reasons why Chief Insp. Daniel Sales went on leave three days later.

The military has identified Bohol as the base of guerrilla operations in Central Visayas.

Despite reports of a reduction in manpower and weapons, intelligence reports said the rebels had increased their guerrilla fronts in the province from three to five.

Plants uprooted

In Sorsogon, newly-planted trees in Castilla town were uprooted by NPA rebels allegedly for non-payment of "revolutionary tax."

The trees were part of the reforestation project implemented by the local government under the Community-Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP).

Sorsogon mayor Renato Laurinaria accused the NPA of uprooting the newly-planted pili, mahogany and bamboo trees along the riverbank of Castilla.

He said before the uprooting, the rebels tried to discourage the participants, mostly women, from joining in the project, an P18-million foreign-funded initiative aimed to give villagers livelihood. *Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Family gets rare award from Negros high school on its 100th founding anniversary

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—The Negros Oriental High School (NOHS) has extended a rare award to a family whose members, spanning two generations, topped their respective classes.

The Maxino family of Ayungon, Negros Oriental, received the Centennial Award, a first of its kind in the history of the NOHS, during the 100th Founding Anniversary of the school last Sept. 1.

Seven Maxino siblings graduated from the Negros Oriental High School from 1941 to 1967, with six of them graduating as valedictorian and one graduating as salutatorian.

Six of the siblings, now in their 50s to 70s who all have curved successful careers, were present during the awarding rite. Their mother, Raymunda Chua Maxino, who will turn 100 in January 2003, was also around to receive the family award. Their father, Hermenegildo, passed away in 1970.

The eldest of the siblings, Dominador, was valedictorian of Class 1941. He was followed by Luciano, who graduated valedictorian of Class 1948, then by Lorenzo, who graduated salutatorian of Class 1950.

In 1954, Vicente graduated valedictorian, followed by Marcelino who was also valedictorian of Class 1955, and then by Gerardo, who graduated valedictorian of Class 1958.

The youngest in the family, Hope, graduated valedictorian of Class 1967.

The cycle was repeated by the succeeding generation when, in 1994, the daughter of Gerardo, Clare Cabahug Maxino, also graduated valedictorian from the NOHS.

Other grandchildren also kept the tradition of graduating as valedictorian, although they studied in other schools.

The outstanding academic performance of the siblings did not end there. In college, they also topped their respective classes and all earned magna cum laude ratings.

Aside from Dominador, who survived the Death March but died at the age of 19 in a Tarlac concentration camp, the other Maxino siblings went on to become leaders in their own fields.

Luciano, now 76, a Fulbright-Hayes scholar in the US, became a lawyer and was dean of the College of Law and president of Foundation University. He also served as manager of the Dumaguete Central Savings and Loans Association.

Lorenzo, now 74, became mayor of Dumaguete City in the 1980s. He also served as manager of Dumaguete Rural Bank.

Vicente, 67, also a lawyer, was immigration chief of Dumaguete City for a long time and eventually became the Regional Director of the Commission on Immigration and Deportation for Region VII.

Marcelino, 64, another lawyer and a Mc Dewitt scholar in Michigan, USA, became dean of the College of Law of Foundation University at 27 years old and later became its president. Immigrating to the United States in the middle 1980's, he passed the California Bar and later became Lead Attorney of the California Court of Appeal. He was also a bar examiner for the State of California, USA.

Marcelino has since retired and is now back in Dumaguete City to enjoy his retirement years.

Gerardo, now 61, a physicist and a doctorate degree holder, now works with his physicist wife, Vicenta Cabahug, at the Physics Department of Silliman University where he is professor.

He served as department chairperson for sometime and was also dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Silliman University. He is the president of the Philippine Physics Society.

Hope, now 52, also a physicist and a doctorate degree holder, is married to Regional Trial Court Judge Rosendo B. Bandal, Jr. and is presently professor and chair of the Silliman Physics Department.

She previously taught college Physics at the University of San Carlos, Foundation University, University of Santo Tomas and De La Salle University in Manila.

Two sisters, Nicerata, now 71, and Hospicia, now 57, did not study at the Negros Oriental High School but they also graduated with honors from their respective schools.

Ironically, the parents of the Maxino siblings, Hermenegildo Dy Maxino, now deceased, and Raymunda Chua Maxino, only reached grades one and two, respectively.

But they still stood tall in the eyes of their townmates as Hermenegildo could solve mathematical problems orally, while Raymunda earned the distinction of having been accelerated to second grade while studying first grade.

At that tender age, she got first honors in her class, but had to stop studying to help her father in his small business.

Soldier kills graduating Bicol student

LEGAZPI CITY—Eight soldiers from the Medical Team of the Second Infantry Division of the Philippine Army are now in the custody of their commanding officer in Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal after being involved in the killing of a Bicol University (BU) graduating student last Tuesday at the Mayon Spring Resort in Sto. Domingo, Albay.

The Philippine Army's Southern Luzon Command (Solcom) had been previously alarmed when the Army's medical team lead by certain 1st Lt. Romeo Siang was tagged in the killing of Joel Quintana Asejo, fourth year industrial education student of the BU College of Industrial Technology and resident of Sangangdaan, Tagas, Daraga, Albay.

The group of suspect Sgt. Alex Estacio, who was in a nearby cottage, reportedly got angry at the loud voices of Asejo's group. Estacio allegedly stood up and shot the young Asejo on the head.

Sgt. Alex Estacio was the driver of a Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Ambulance who was with his 11 comrades in the medical team of the Second Infantry Division based in Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal.

The victim was immediately rushed to the Aquinas Hospital but was later transferred to the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) where he was declared dead on arrival.

The suspect, together with 11 friends, was seen onboard a PCSO ambulance heading towards Tabaco City and presumed to have taken the Sabluyon road in their escape.

Major Jose Broso, Solcom spokesperson vowed to hasten the immediate solution of the case.

"We do not tolerate this kind of conduct, we cannot sacrifice the whole organization just because of scalawags like the suspects," said Broso who was obviously upset of the incident.

Broso said they will determine what part of the Articles of War is applicable for the group of Sgt. Estacio including his immediate senior officer who is 1st Lt. Siang.

"If proven that 1st Lt. Siang did not take any action to stop the commission of the crime, he will also get what he deserves," he added.

Meanwhile, Southern Luzon Commander Maj. Gen. Roy V. Kiamco vowed to help the victim's family in seeking justice.

The Solcom head said he will make sure that justice is done for the Asejo family.

Maj. Serafin Raymundo of Bicol's new 9th Infantry Brigade based in Camp Canuto, Pili, Camarines Sur is now doubling efforts to coordinate with Sto. Domingo Mayor Herbie Aguas in fast tracking the investigation.

Raymundo, who personally visited Asejo's family in Daraga, Albay as a gesture of sympathy, assured there will be no whitewash in the probe and vowed to bring the case to the proper court.

Shortly after the incident, CO Maj. Gen. Efren Abo of Camp Capinpin alarmed all units in pursuit of the suspects who failed to return to the camp immediately.

The Army's medical team had been assigned back to Tanay after the creation of the new 9th Infantry Brigade (which will be in charge of the whole Bicol region) since August 15 and were just around to get their salary. But due to long process, decided to enjoy the night reaching up to this city and Sto. Domingo where they met their own fate.

Siang's group including suspect Sgt. Estacio are now facing thorough investigation by the 2ID Provos Marshall. *Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Benguet farmers to protest vegetable importation

BAGUIO CITY—Former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, an anti-globalization advocate, will join this month about 12,000 Benguet farmers in a series of rallies that will protest the displacement of Benguet vegetables by legally imported Australian produce, Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas said.

Molintas said Benguet Board Member Johnny Uy, a former Atok mayor and himself a vegetable farmer, had talked to Tañada in Manila this week to relay the farmers' concern that the Department of Agriculture had concealed the real impact of imported vegetables on their industry.

Molintas said Malacañang had yet to respond to a formal appeal made by seven Cordillera congressmen, six governors and a city mayor on Sept. 22 for a review of a government policy, which allowed Australian imports, despite Australia's trade barrier conflicts with Filipino farmers.

"We are asking President Macapagal-Arroyo why vegetable importation should be allowed in the first place, given the abundance of vegetables coming from the Cordillera," said Molintas.

He added: "(Agriculture Secretary Leonardo) Montemayor was here in August but he only disclosed to us the identities of three importers, among them Rustan's Supermarket and Tuckerbag Inc."

Molintas said the firms' import clearances in July only covered 3,348 kilograms of Australian carrots and 5,758 kg of assorted vegetables like lettuce and broccoli.

Montemayor earlier met with Benguet farmers after his inspection in La Trinidad, Benguet, confirmed the influx of smuggled Chinese vegetables that were apparently rerouted from a Japan shipment.

"Apparently, farmers here were given the wrong information, and therefore had braced themselves with wrong safety nets against the imported Australian vegetables. We thought we were fighting mere hotel suppliers. We did not know we are competing with supermarkets and groceries already," Molintas said.

Patricio Ananayo, chief of the Department of Agriculture's agribusiness and marketing division here, said the locally produced vegetables already meet the demands of hotels and restaurants.

He said Benguet farmers have been importing American, Japanese and European hybrid seeds since the 1960s, which produce top-quality cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, potatoes and cabbages.

Lulu Gimenez, information officer of Apit-Tako (Alliance of Peasants in the Cordillera Homeland), said Australian imports are better packaged, which explains their attractiveness to supermarket chains. But local vegetables actually taste better and contain better nutrients, she said.

Benguet lost P21 billion in unfulfilled transactions after imports from Australia, New Zealand and The Netherlands between July and August this year displaced the province's vegetables.

"This situation prompts us to request for suspension of the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provision for the lifting of quantitative restrictions on vegetables in the entire country, owing to its injurious effects (on Filipino farmers)," Cordillera officials said in their appeal to Ms Macapagal. *Vincent Cabreza and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

DOH says herbal medicine becoming a hit

DAVAO CITY—The rising cost of synthetic medicine in Southern Mindanao have driven the public into using herbal remedies.

The regional office of the Department of Health confirmed the increasing demand for herbal medicine.

Dolores Castillo, regional director of DOH-XI, said local drugstores have raised their wholesale purchase for alternative medicine because of the rising demand.

But she still had to figure out how big the increase in the demand for herbal medicine has become.

She said one of the bases for the assessment was the noted rise in the production of the DOH regional office's alternative medicine production facility here.

Castillo said the facility, which is found at the back of the DOH office here, had been churning out large volumes of *sambong, tsaang gubat* and other alternative cure derived from local plants because of the demand.

The DOH's alternative medicine facility also supplies the needs of other regions.

"We are one of the major producers of herbal and alternative medicines, our availment is really high since we sometimes run out of supply," she said.

Officials of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care Medicine (Pitac), which operates the herbal-processing plant at the DOH office here, said the rising demand has compelled them to increase production.

Imay Hontiveros, Pitac production pharmacist, said they have increased their production target this year to 4 million tablets, up 50 percent from last year's.

Hontiveros said people have come to realize that herbal drugs are not inferior to commercial medicines sold in the market. *Joel B. Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

233 Pampanga inmates poised for hunger strike

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—At least 233 inmates at the Pampanga provincial jail on Saturday began preparing for a hunger strike to stop the alleged harassment by guards and restrictions on visitation rights.

The detainees readied their meals for up to Sunday and said they were to consume these before their talks with Gov. Manuel Lapid on Monday.

Should the dialogue fail to meet their demands, they said they planned to subsist on water and little food for "an indefinite number of days." They also started storing water in jugs, pails and drums.

The protest, the second to be staged since March, came after five jail guards, two of whom were reportedly armed and drunk, allegedly dragged a male detainee out of a cell on Friday night.

His co-inmates came to the rescue, preventing the guards from hurting the man, according to Amador Guevarra, a leader of the detainees.

Similar instances had happened in recent months especially on occasions when the guards were drunk, Guevarra said. These were averted by appeals or by protests, he added.

According to Guevarra, the warden had also limited the visits of the detainees' spouses or partners, many of whom come from far provinces.

They were required to show copies of marriage certificates before entering the century-old prison at the provincial capitol compound here.

He said the relatives were allowed to stay for a minimum of two hours and were not permitted to sleep even in the visitors' hall.

"Many sleep at the public market or at the capitol garden to get a chance to visit the next day," he said.

Guevarra also said the warden had allegedly breached security rules by using prisoners placed under maximum detention as drivers or caretakers of goats for a supposed livelihood project.

Retired Air Force Col. Rodolfo Quilala, provincial jail warden, said he had stopped the "brutality" of the guards since he took over early this year.

Quilala also accused the male inmates of mauling new detainees and extorting money from them.

Guevarra admitted these incidents had happened but said he and his fellow ward leaders had stopped these malpractice.

Quilala admitted having regulated the visits, saying the inmates had committed abuses.

"Aside from the legal wife, they also allowed their common-law partners to stay overnight," he said.

Quilala had accused Guevarra, a suspected communist rebel jailed for alleged illegal possession of firearms, of inciting the inmates to rally against him.

But Guevarra said: "Even if we are behind bars, we still deserve humane treatment. There are abuses (on our part) but these have been rectified. We appeal to Governor Lapid to institute serious reforms here." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Church accused of using blackmail to stifle HB 4110

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A Mindanao solon accused the Catholic Church of employing "political blackmail" to stifle House Bill 4110 or the proposed Reproductive Health Care Act.

Bukidnon Rep. Nereus Acosta said politicians supportive of the bill were told "to watch out in 2004."

"I find this utterly uncharitable and unchristian. This is a clear political blackmail and has no place in a democratic society like ours," he said.

He added it was clear that the Catholic hierarchy failed to carefully read the bill before opposing it.

"This is not an abortion bill, but a reproductive health bill," Acosta pointed out.

He urged Church leaders to attend gatherings aimed at clarifying the salient points of the bill instead of "just shooting down the bill and shutting out democratic and intellectual debate."

A pastoral letter distributed recently by the Catholic hierarchy labeled HB 4110 as "anti-marriage, anti-family and anti-life." But Acosta said these were baseless "and totally out of context."

While criticizing the Catholic hierarchy, Acosta also rebuked the INQUIRER for coming out "with a misleading caricature of the bill in its opinion page printed a couple of Sundays ago."

He dared the bill's critics "to participate in an open, democratic and high-level discussion of the issue" instead of resorting to dirty tactics, such as equating reproductive health to abortion.

Now is the time, Acosta said, for us to confront the problem on population seriously and squarely.

The population explosion, he said, was like a ticking time bomb.

The country's 80 million people could double in 2030 unless something is done, he said, but the Macapagal administration is taking the problem lightly "due to pressure coming from the Church group."

He asked the President to admit that the issue on the rising population remains one of the pressing concerns of the country. Otherwise, he said, this is tantamount to intellectual dishonesty.

Acosta was here on Tuesday to lead the launching of the Gensan leg of the information campaign for HB 4110.

No one from the Church attended the forum. *Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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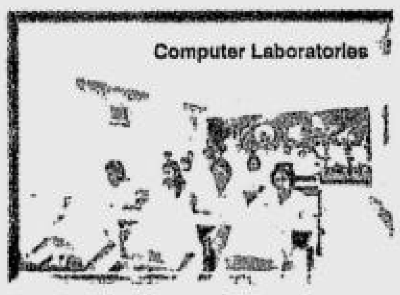

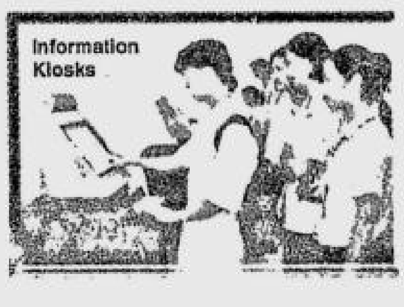

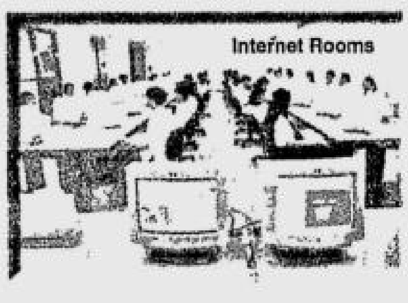

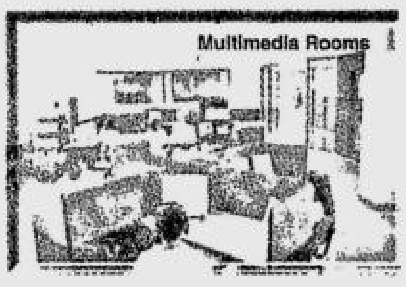

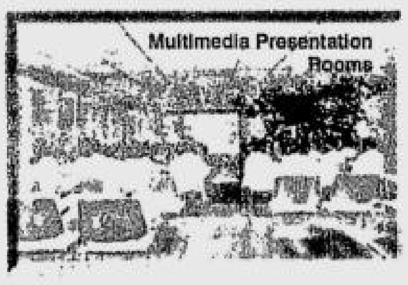

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Benguet farmers to protest vegetable importation

BAGUIO CITY—Former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, an anti-globalization advocate, will join this month about 12,000 Benguet farmers in a series of rallies that will protest the displacement of Benguet vegetables by legally imported Australian produce, Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas said.

Molintas said Benguet Board Member Johnny Uy, a former Atok mayor and himself a vegetable farmer, had talked to Tañada in Manila this week to relay the farmers' concern that the Department of Agriculture had concealed the real impact of imported vegetables on their industry.

Molintas said Malacañang had yet to respond to a formal appeal made by seven Cordillera congressmen, six governors and a city mayor on Sept. 22 for a review of a government policy, which allowed Australian imports, despite Australia's trade barrier conflicts with Filipino farmers.

"We are asking President Macapagal-Arroyo why vegetable importation should be allowed in the first place, given the abundance of vegetables coming from the Cordillera," said Molintas.

He added: "(Agriculture Secretary Leonardo) Montemayor was here in August but he only disclosed to us the identities of three importers, among them Rustan's Supermarket and Tuckerbag Inc."

Molintas said the firms' import clearances in July only covered 3,348 kilograms of Australian carrots and 5,758 kg of assorted vegetables like lettuce and broccoli.

Montemayor earlier met with Benguet farmers after his inspection in La Trinidad, Benguet, confirmed the influx of smuggled Chinese vegetables that were apparently rerouted from a Japan shipment.

"Apparently, farmers here were given the wrong information, and therefore had braced themselves with wrong safety nets against the imported Australian vegetables. We thought we were fighting mere hotel suppliers. We did not know we are competing with supermarkets and groceries already," Molintas said.

Patricio Ananayo, chief of the Department of Agriculture's agribusiness and marketing division here, said the locally produced vegetables already meet the demands of hotels and restaurants.

He said Benguet farmers have been importing American, Japanese and European hybrid seeds since the 1960s, which produce top-quality cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, potatoes and cabbages.

Lulu Gimenez, information officer of Apit-Tako (Alliance of Peasants in the Cordillera Homeland), said Australian imports are better packaged, which explains their attractiveness to supermarket chains. But local vegetables actually taste better and contain better nutrients, she said.

Benguet lost P21 billion in unfulfilled transactions after imports from Australia, New Zealand and The Netherlands between July and August this year displaced the province's vegetables.

"This situation prompts us to request for suspension of the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provision for the lifting of quantitative restrictions on vegetables in the entire country, owing to its injurious effects (on Filipino farmers)," Cordillera officials said in their appeal to Ms Macapagal. ***Vincent Cabreza and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

DOH says herbal medicine becoming a hit

DAVAO CITY—The rising cost of synthetic medicine in Southern Mindanao have driven the public into using herbal remedies.

The regional office of the Department of Health confirmed the increasing demand for herbal medicine.

Dolores Castillo, regional director of DOH-XI, said local drugstores have raised their wholesale purchase for alternative medicine because of the rising demand.

But she still had to figure out how big the increase in the demand for herbal medicine has become.

She said one of the bases for the assessment was the noted rise in the production of the DOH regional office's alternative medicine production facility here.

Castillo said the facility, which is found at the back of the DOH office here, had been churning out large volumes of *sambong, tsaang gubat* and other alternative cure derived from local plants because of the demand.

The DOH's alternative medicine facility also supplies the needs of other regions.

"We are one of the major producers of herbal and alternative medicines, our availment is really high since we sometimes run out of supply," she said.

Officials of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care Medicine (Pitac), which operates the herbal-processing plant at the DOH office here, said the rising demand has compelled them to increase production.

Imay Hontiveros, Pitac production pharmacist, said they have increased their production target this year to 4 million tablets, up 50 percent from last year's.

Hontiveros said people have come to realize that herbal drugs are not inferior to commercial medicines sold in the market. ***Joel B. Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

233 Pampanga inmates poised for hunger strike

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—At least 233 inmates at the Pampanga provincial jail on Saturday began preparing for a hunger strike to stop the alleged harassment by guards and restrictions on visitation rights.

The detainees readied their meals for up to Sunday and said they were to consume these before their talks with Gov. Manuel Lapid on Monday.

Should the dialogue fail to meet their demands, they said they planned to subsist on water and little food for "an indefinite number of days." They also started storing water in jugs, pails and drums.

The protest, the second to be staged since March, came after five jail guards, two of whom were reportedly armed and drunk, allegedly dragged a male detainee out of a cell on Friday night.

His co-inmates came to the rescue, preventing the guards from hurting the man, according to Amador Guevarra, a leader of the detainees.

Similar instances had happened in recent months especially on occasions when the guards were drunk, Guevarra said. These were averted by appeals or by protests, he added.

According to Guevarra, the warden had also limited the visits of the detainees' spouses or partners, many of whom come from far provinces.

They were required to show copies of marriage certificates before entering the century-old prison at the provincial capitol compound here.

He said the relatives were allowed to stay for a minimum of two hours and were not permitted to sleep even in the visitors' hall.

"Many sleep at the public market or at the capitol garden to get a chance to visit the next day," he said.

Guevarra also said the warden had allegedly breached security rules by using prisoners placed under maximum detention as drivers or caretakers of goats for a supposed livelihood project.

Retired Air Force Col. Rodolfo Quilala, provincial jail warden, said he had stopped the "brutality" of the guards since he took over early this year.

Quilala also accused the male inmates of mauling new detainees and extorting money from them.

Guevarra admitted these incidents had happened but said he and his fellow ward leaders had stopped these malpractice.

Quilala admitted having regulated the visits, saying the inmates had committed abuses.

"Aside from the legal wife, they also allowed their common-law partners to stay overnight," he said.

Quilala had accused Guevarra, a suspected communist rebel jailed for alleged illegal possession of firearms, of inciting the inmates to rally against him.

But Guevarra said: "Even if we are behind bars, we still deserve humane treatment. There are abuses (on our part) but these have been rectified. We appeal to Governor Lapid to institute serious reforms here." ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Church accused of using blackmail to stifle HB 4110

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A Mindanao solon accused the Catholic Church of employing "political blackmail" to stifle House Bill 4110 or the proposed Reproductive Health Care Act.

Bukidnon Rep. Nereus Acosta said politicians supportive of the bill were told "to watch out in 2004."

"I find this utterly uncharitable and unchristian. This is a clear political blackmail and has no place in a democratic society like ours," he said.

He added it was clear that the Catholic hierarchy failed to carefully read the bill before opposing it.

"This is not an abortion bill, but a reproductive health bill," Acosta pointed out.

He urged Church leaders to attend gatherings aimed at clarifying the salient points of the bill instead of "just shooting down the bill and shutting out democratic and intellectual debate."

A pastoral letter distributed recently by the Catholic hierarchy labeled HB 4110 as "anti-marriage, anti-family and anti-life." But Acosta said these were baseless "and totally out of context."

While criticizing the Catholic hierarchy, Acosta also rebuked the INQUIRER for coming out "with a misleading caricature of the bill in its opinion page printed a couple of Sundays ago."

He dared the bill's critics "to participate in an open, democratic and high-level discussion of the issue" instead of resorting to dirty tactics, such as equating reproductive health to abortion.

Now is the time, Acosta said, for us to confront the problem on population seriously and squarely.

The population explosion, he said, was like a ticking time bomb.

The country's 80 million people could double in 2030 unless something is done, he said, but the Macapagal administration is taking the problem lightly "due to pressure coming from the Church group."

He asked the President to admit that the issue on the rising population remains one of the pressing concerns of the country. Otherwise, he said, this is tantamount to intellectual dishonesty.

Acosta was here on Tuesday to lead the launching of the Gensan leg of the information campaign for HB 4110.

No one from the Church attended the forum. ***Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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Accuser of Cebu assistant prosecutor shot

AUGUSTO

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CEBU CITY—Cherry Augusto, a pretty young woman who had hugged Cebu dailies' headlines for accusing an equally attractive assistant city prosecutor of having an affair with her husband, was shot in the head and is now in critical condition.

Her assailant is believed to be a policeman who was found dead on Thursday afternoon in Cherry's apartment.

The incident came a day after Cherry, 24, executed an affidavit saying she was withdrawing the immorality complaint she has lodged against assistant city prosecutor Mary Ann Castro, 32.

Police found Cherry lying in a pool of blood, barely conscious, at around 1:30 p.m. Thursday near the entrance of the two-story apartment rented by her sister in Sitio Matumbo, Pusok, Lapu-Lapu City.

Police later found on the apartment's second floor the body of PO1 Clementino Dulguime Jr., of the service security group of the Cebu City Police Office and reportedly Cherry's spurned suitor. He was found with a single wound on his chin.

Police suspected that Dulguime shot Cherry before killing himself because a 38. caliber pistol was found near his body.

Cherry was rushed to the Mactan Community Hospital where she remained in critical condition.

On the day she was shot, Cherry was in the headline story of all the three Cebu local dailies, which reported her decision to withdraw her complaint against Castro.

Augusto filed immorality and grave misconduct complaints against Mary Ann Castro before the Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas in August. She accused Castro of being with her husband, Zandro Augusto, in a motel last August 11.

Castro, who is married, has denied the allegation, saying it was a case of mistaken identity.

A few days after the scandal broke out, Zandro admitted that he was indeed with another woman the night Cherry confronted her but he identified the woman as "Cynthia Fernandez" and not Castro. He also revealed during a press conference that he was also going to have his marriage to Cherry annulled because their union four years ago was not legal as it was only officiated by a vice mayor. Zandro has filed the annulment case since then.

Cherry, however, continued to insist that the woman she found in the motel room with her husband was Castro, even after she filed an affidavit of desistance withdrawing her case against the female prosecutor.

She said she decided to withdraw the charges against Castro because she was having financial problems and because she wanted to live a peaceful life with her child with Zandro.

On Thursday, Zandro revealed a new twist when he claimed that he believed that Dulguime was not just Cherry's suitor but might also have been her lover. He claimed his suspicion that Cherry was having an affair with Dulguime was one of the reasons their relationship turned sour. ***With a report by Jolene Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Venue for recall petition vs city dads secured

ANGELES CITY—Members of the police regional mobile group yesterday guarded the Pulung Bulu Elementary School here where barangay officials held the signing of a petition for the recall of seven councilors.

The policemen also tried to prevent any violent confrontation between supporters of the pro- and anti-recall groups who staged rallies here.

The pro-recall supporters were identified with Mayor Carmelo Lazatin while the anti-recall supporters were allied with the seven councilors and Cutcut Barangay Captain Robin Nepomuceno, who lost in the 2001 mayoral elections here.

Last Friday afternoon, Nepomuceno and 90 other barangay officials also gathered at the school to sign a petition to recall not only the seven councilors but also three other councilors allied with Lazatin.

About 140 signatures comprising a majority are needed to initiate a recall proceeding.

As of Saturday, barangay officials had obtained about 200 signatures to recall Councilors Ireneo Alvaro, Louie Reyes, Agapito del Rosario III, Alexander Cauguiran, Carlito Ganzon, Ares Yabut and Alex Indiongco, it was learned.

The barangay officials wanted to include Councilors Rodolfo Simeon, Maria Vicenta Vega and Sonny Lao in the recall petition.

The barangay officials, led by Efren de la Cruz, president of the Association of Barangay Captains here, have accused the seven councilors of blocking the development program of Lazatin and of meddling in barangay affairs.

But the seven councilors accused Lazatin of orchestrating the recall move against them, saying it was just part of his "maneuver towards making the city council a rubber stamp."

Lazatin denied the allegation. He said he should not be blamed if the barangay officials had lost confidence in the councilors. ***Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

C. Visayas LTO head, 3 others suspended

CEBU CITY—The head of the Land Transportation Office in Central Visayas and three of his subordinates were ordered suspended for six months by the Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas pending investigation of grave misconduct charges lodged against them.

LTO-7 director Porferio Mendoza, property division officer-in-charge Oscar Peque, Mendoza's secretary Marilyn Mendoza and a Catalina Alingasa were suspended in an order signed on Sept. 19 by Deputy Ombudsman for the Visayas Primo Miro.

Miro 's order was based on the grave misconduct charges lodged against the four LTO officials by three car dealers, Maricar Huete of GCY Parts, Ernesto Cantillas of Isuzu Cebu Inc. and Leonardo Villaraso of TBS Trading.

The dealers claimed that Mendoza and company allegedly demanded and received P2,500 as payment for every pad of certificates of confirmation for vehicle registration, when the certificates were supposed to be given free to vehicle registrants. No official receipts were also issued for the supposed payments.

Miro said he ordered the six-month preventive suspension of the four LTO officials because he found that the evidence against them were strong.

Under the law, Miro said he has authority to mete preventive suspensions if the charge involves dishonesty, oppression, grave misconduct or neglect of duty; when the charges would warrant removal from service; and when the respondents' continued stay in office may prejudice the case filed against them.

Mendoza belied the allegations. He said he had yet to receive the suspension order but he said he would question it before appropriate bodies. ***Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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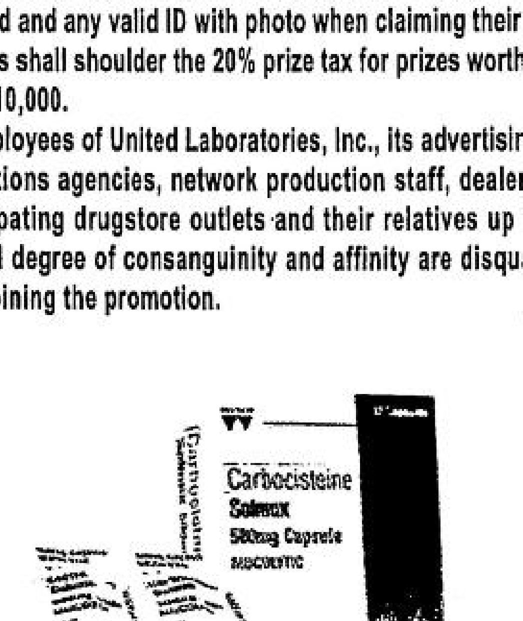

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From climbers to mountaineers

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Butuan City

MEMBERS of the Sak-A mountaineering society.

RAMON JORGE SARABOSING

IN THE mountaineering sport, a climber and a mountaineer are two different persons. A climber considers the mountain a playground; a mountaineer gives it full respect as a part of life.

Samuel Atega has climbed countless mountains and goes home to his foothill farm planted with a variety of fruit and hardwood trees.

Dr. Jocel Dagani, also a history scholar, has his farm transformed into a mini-forest.

Plenio Atega, a former government employee, tills a ricefield for a living, and Butch Dagondon, an environment advocate, heads the Green Mindanao, an environmentalist nongovernment organization based in Caraga.

All gentlemen, now past their 40s, are pioneering members of the Sak-A Mountaineering Society based in Cabadbaran town and Butuan City in Agusan del Norte.

Sak-A was organized in 1982 after the group climbed Mt. Apo for nothing better to do. After that, it was Mt. Hibok-Hibok on Camiguin Island, Mt. Kitanglad in Bukidnon, and Mt. Hilong-Hilong in hometown Agusan del Norte.

In between, there were minor mountains and long treks.

Adventure

"Environmentalism was not a concern then for most of us, we just wanted adventure," said Plenio, the group's president. Nearly every weekend, he remembers, the group went out exploring, from trailblazing, spelunking and river cruising to beach combing.

"And to think we didn't have the required mountaineering equipment and gears then, no basic techniques to follow," said Samuel, who for years was the chief explorer and guide.

Today, Sak-A has become one of the country's solid mountaineering groups with a clear understanding of how to pursue responsible adventure and environmental concerns.

"While we explore the mountains to unwind, we must also be guided with responsibilities, especially to the young," said Samuel, who regularly escorts school children outdoors.

To the observation that some mountaineering groups are ignorant and careless of their responsibilities, all of them said it was the task of leaders and old members to inculcate environmental consciousness, both through words and actions.

"But with media exposure, I think young people know, like making sure their garbage are properly disposed of. That is basic," said Plenio.

New generation

Sak-A's new generation of leaders and members are definitely aligned and grounded.

"Anyone who join us will eventually evolve in terms of perspective. Environment consciousness is contagious. You become aware of what we should do, be doing, other than having fun," said Jemimah Atega, one of the few active women mountaineers.

New members go through the Basic Mountaineering Course (BMC) and are encouraged, through the group, to assume civic obligations in the municipality and the region.

"Whenever our assistance are called, we go," said Joy Dizon, the vice president. "During the Cebu Pacific Flight 387 crash in Misamis Oriental in 1998, we were among the first groups to respond and helped retrieve the bodies of the victims."

Sak-A has forged partnership explorations related to tourism and environment with government agencies, the business sector, and development NGOs. "As long as it is constructive for the people and environment, we support it," Plenio said.

On Oct. 23-26, the group will host the Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines (MFPI) midyear climb and presidents' meeting. The MFPI is the umbrella of all mountaineering groups in the country.

Hilong-Hilong

An estimated 500 climbers and mountaineers are expected to arrive for the event, but only half will conquer Hilong-Hilong, the region's highest mountain straddling Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur. All the rest will have their hands full with a series of outdoor activities, like orienteering, wall climbing, snorkeling, canoeing, BMC sessions and parties.

Ninety percent of those expected to "invade" the site are college students on semestral break.

Co-hosting the event is the regional Department of Tourism, the provincial government of Agusan del Norte, and the municipal governments of Cabadbaran and Remedios T. Romualdez (RTR).

Assisting the Sak-A in conducting the outdoor activity sidelights are mountaineering groups from Cagayan de Oro and Gingoog cities.

"In the early days of the Sak-A, we were a bunch of wanderers. Now every footstep we make leads us to the right decisions," Plenio said.

Imam's appeal: Help rebuild Iligan's oldest, biggest mosque

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Iligan City

MUSLIM Imam Abdullah Bato has appealed for help to rebuild Iligan's biggest and oldest mosque, which was razed by fire on the eve of the city's fiesta celebration.

Located at the pier area in Barangay Saray, the two-story Alawi mosque now has only a concrete wall and minaret left. The place of worship had been a landmark over the last 15 years in the city's busiest business center.

The Alawi was the grandest of 47 mosques in the Christian city of Iligan for its Muslim worshippers who account for 15 percent of the population.

According to Prof. Macalinding Andam, about 2,000 of the Muslims were served by the Alawi mosque.

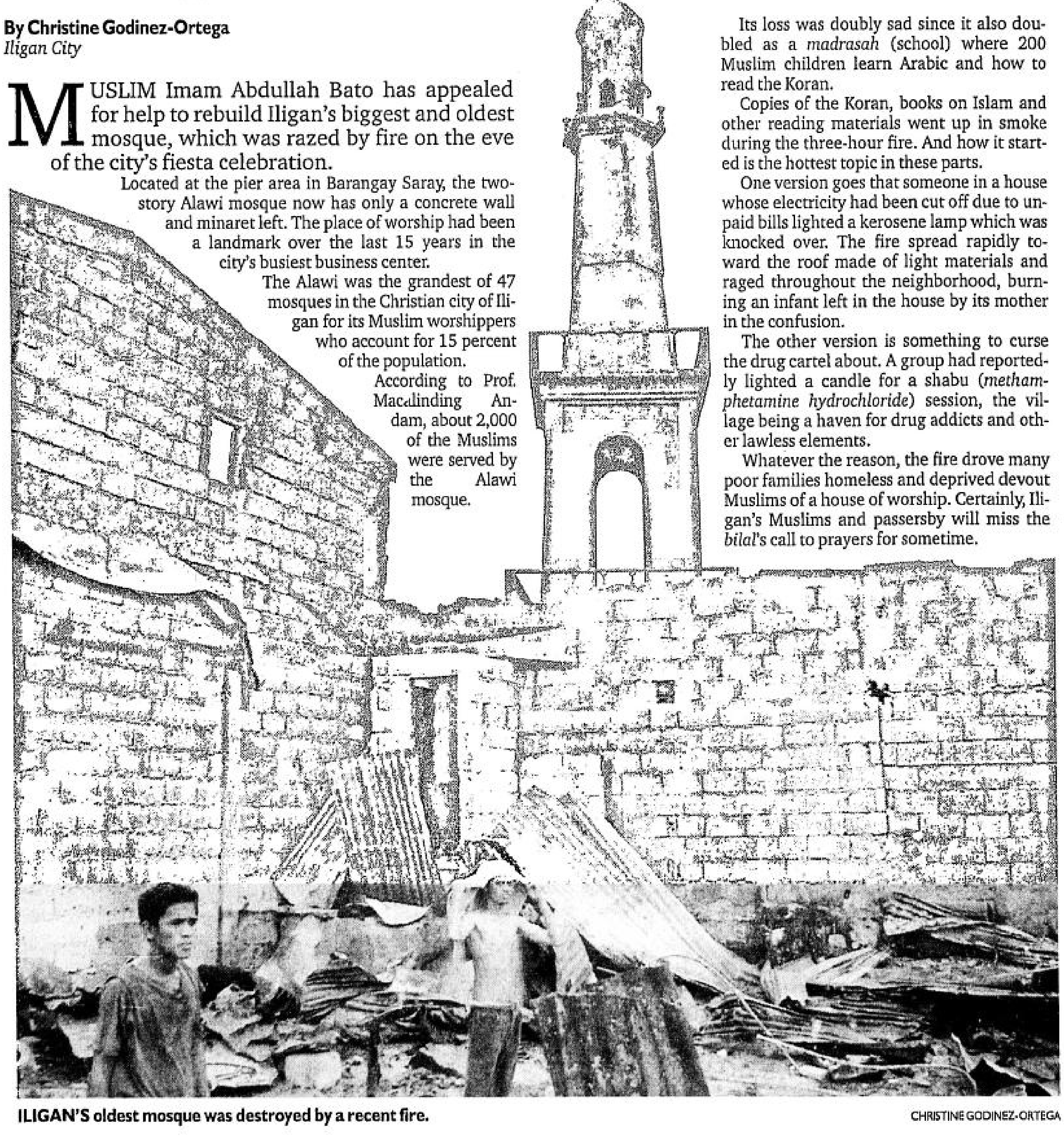
Its loss was doubly sad since it also doubled as a *madrasah* (school) where 200 Muslim children learn Arabic and how to read the Koran.

Copies of the Koran, books on Islam and other reading materials went up in smoke during the three-hour fire. And how it started is the hottest topic in these parts.

One version goes that someone in a house whose electricity had been cut off due to unpaid bills lighted a kerosene lamp which was knocked over. The fire spread rapidly toward the roof made of light materials and raged throughout the neighborhood, burning an infant left in the house by its mother in the confusion.

The other version is something to curse the drug cartel about. A group had reportedly lighted a candle for a shabu (*methamphetamine hydrochloride*) session, the village being a haven for drug addicts and other lawless elements.

Whatever the reason, the fire drove many poor families homeless and deprived devout Muslims of a house of worship. Certainly, Iligan's Muslims and passersby will miss the *bilal*'s call to prayers for sometime.



ILIGAN'S oldest mosque was destroyed by a recent fire.

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DUGONG MINDANAW

Joselle R. Badilla

We want to know what the Mindanaoan youngblood, middle-aged blood or high blood are thinking about what's happening in Mindanao and the rest of the country.—Ed.

FOUR weekends in August and September, about 980 graduating students from all walks of life went on a practicum simply not as a requisite to getting a diploma but to become true "Christian humanists."

The experimental Theology 110 (Christian Social Theology) practicum for all graduating students as a program of the Ateneo de Davao University is a means toward "inculturation," which is always synonymous to evangelization, a process of being inserted into a way of life and making it ones own.

Graduating students taking up Theology 110 has undergone a process of being inserted into a way of life and making it ones own. This includes the way a group of people lives, thinks, feels, organizes itself, celebrates and shares life.

In every culture, there are underlying systems of values, meanings and views of the world which are expressed visibly in language, gestures, symbols, rituals and styles.

As Filipinos, it is our collective task and responsibility to create a society that is "*maka-tao, maka-bayan and maka-Diyos, maka-buhay and maka-kalikasan.*"

Students from 26 different sections under their respective theology teachers went on exposure trips to areas, doing medical mission, taking care of the less fortunate and physically handicapped, joining the fisherfolk, and living and getting into the experience of people.

There were groups who went as far as Barangay Lamanan in Calinan District (population: 1,678) to live with the less fortunate residents, even for a day.

Some students went on a medical mission in community in Mahayahay, Sta. Cruz in Davao del Sur. Others went to a squatters area in Bago Aplaya, while still others did a clean-up drive and tree planting at the Philippine Eagle Center and the Malagos Watershed.

But what was the challenge for the theology students?

The exposure will be a paradigm shift for them to become agents of social transformation and making them true Christian humanists.

It is hoped that in the synthesis of the course some 980 students will embrace the Ateneo credo "*spiritu, corde and practice.*" That is, to live in the spirit of God, have the heart to be with the poor and to apply it in all aspects of life. Inculcating what Pope John Paul II (*Laborem Exercens*) stated: "The subjective value of the worker as human person takes priority."

At the end of the semester, the students expected to graduate next year will have to live not only as "men and women for others" but to live with a preferential option for the poor, to have the compassion and commitment to work in loving service for the poor and become agents of social change.

Dying kids get help, thanks to the Internet

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Pediatrics told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Cruz, who wrote the Internet message last month in behalf of the PGH doctors, said their appeal as well as the print and TV exposure of their Give a Life program had so far enabled them to purchase six incubators (costing P600,000 each) and five ventilators (P800,000 each).

He lamented that the situation at the pediatric wards had become so bad that physicians were moved to weep in helplessness. He said the medical supplies and equipment at the premier government hospital were so insufficient that doctors had been forced to "reuse needles."

"Each day, each week, each month, many children die in our wards," he said. "This is not because our doctors are unskilled or incompetent. Most of the time the children are not too terribly sick. Mostly, these children die because they are poor."

In the message written before the new equipment was bought, Cruz said: "Of course, we don't have enough room inside an incubator for five children. No one expects us to let our children share a life-saving ventilator, but the thought has crossed our minds.

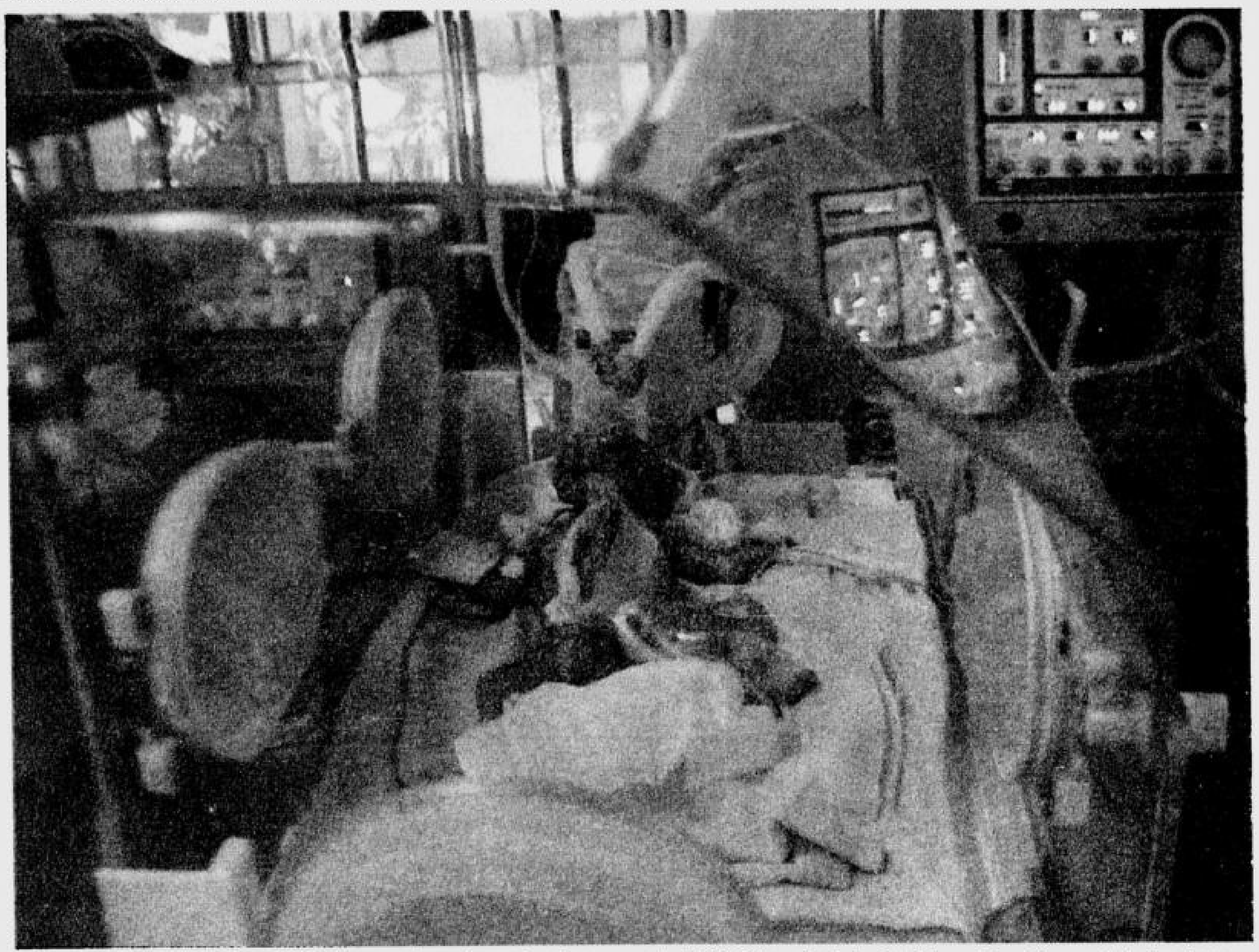
"We treat so many premature babies that one gets quite tired of seeing the bundled ones who passed (away) simply because we couldn't keep them warm."

Cruz also said the rooms at the PGH pediatric wards were so congested that even doctors fell ill while attending to children afflicted with cancer and other serious illnesses.

"Sometimes I think it makes no sense. Our best and brightest are helping the poorest, the sickest children of our nation," he said of his peers.

"And, yet they do not have the tools they need or the minimum supplies required. Our doctors end up fighting poverty instead of working hard to be instruments of the miracles that can happen," he added.

Those who wish to help the PGH children may call Cruz through his mobile phone (0917-530-4437) or deposit their donations at Banco de Oro (Give a Life Account No. 043-0071418).



THANKS to the Net, the PGH pediatric ward has six new incubators costing P600,000 each. A plea for help got donations and pledges from around the world.

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Ateneo: It is all about heart

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Tenorio made the crucial baskets to provide a cushion for the Archers' trademark last-minute explosion.

The 6-foot-3 Gonzales, who came back after a one-year absence, wreaked havoc on La Salle's defenses with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Villanueva also had 16 points but it was Alvarez and Tenorio who silenced the La Salle crowd with their timely baskets.

La Salle's downfall was hastened by the shaky game of its star Mike Cortez, who managed to chip in 13 points on an 8-of-10 free throw shooting and a woeful 2 of 13 from the field. With the sting gone from Cortez's game, the Archers lost their edge.

Cortez's penalties tied the ball game for the last time, 48-48, with 2:32 remaining in the third quarter, but the 6-foot-3 Alvarez quickly responded with a three-point play as Ateneo took the lead for good, 51-48.

Tenorio, a 5-foot-7 bundle of talent, had his biggest moment when he rifled two straight triples which powered the Eagles to a 62-54 lead.

Bottled up by Ateneo's in-your-face defense, Cortez escaped with his first and last triple, 66-60, and after swapping misses, Alvarez and reliever Sonny Tadeo responded with four points, 70-62, 3:04 remaining in the game. Cris Quimpo, a revelation during the eliminations, then made another triple, 73-62, which started a wild and wooly celebration by Ateneans.

George Chia, a former intramural hero, also had his wonderful moment, pumping in 11 points, mostly on difficult under-goal stabs which caught La Salle's big men napping.

Only then did it dawn on the Archers that the crown was slipping off their heads. Mark Cardona, usually Cortez's backcourt partner, was silent in the fourth period. So was Joseph Yeo.

Only Adonis Sta. Maria and former Ateneo high school standout BJ Manalo proved ready to try and break Ateneo's rhythm.

Sta. Maria held its ground in the middle with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Manalo, who earned ear-splitting applause by starting the match with a triple, finished with 19 points, but their efforts went for naught as their teammates failed to contribute their usual share.

Fireworks lit up the Katipunan campus. The bonfires and the celebrations were expected to last till Sunday morning.

"I love my teammates," said Villanueva, choking with emotion and tears welling in his eyes following his last and most memorable game as a Blue Eagle.

"We worked hard for this and I would like to thank all our supporters for this triumph."

Ateneo's victory also concluded a stirring collegiate career for Villanueva. This season he also won the MVP plum as Ateneo-Pioneer won its first PBL title during the UAAP preseason.

"I don't know what will happen. I plan to enjoy this for a while, then prepare for the PBL. Maybe, I'll join the PBA draft next year," Villanueva said.

Gonzales, long criticized for his lack of focus, was also in a joyful mood.

"This is a blessed moment for us," Gonzales said.

SCORES:

ATENEO 77--Gonzales 16, Villanueva 16, Chia 11, Tenorio 8, Quimpo 6, Fonacier 6, Cruz 2, Tadeo 2, Elmido 0.

LA SALLE 70--Manalo 19, Sta. Maria 14, Cortez 13, Sharma 11, Cardona 11, Wilson 2, Yeo 0, Cabatu 0, Urra 0, Ramos 0.

Quarters: 23-17, 42-37, 56-52, 77-70

Sulu gov insists soldiers did it

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military asset and Moro National Liberation Front leader Ariola Abubakar. He said the military escorts were the ones who abducted him and Ordiales on Sept. 28.

Hadja Leng has been working with the military for the surrender of several MNLF members. For her work, the military provided her with military escorts, according to Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina of the AFP Southern Command.

Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion, Armed Forces spokesperson, said only soldiers were allowed to provide security to people working with the military.

"We don't assign civilians as military escorts," he said.

Purificacion also said the military would not provide escorts without a purpose. "Like Hadja Leng—she was given escorts because she is helping the government in the Balik-Baril program," he said.

Lorenzo was initially working on a report on three kidnapped Indonesians. He said Hadja Leng had offered to take him and Ordiales to the Indonesians' abductors.

It was on the way to the supposed site that Hadja Leng's military escorts cocked their firearms at Lorenzo and Ordiales and announced a holdup.

'Unfair'

Carolina said the INQUIRER report on the abduction was "unfair."

"The news report by Ms Julie Alipala is wrong and misleading," Carolina said in a statement.

He added: "First, GMA reporter Carlo Lorenzo and cameraman Gilbert Ordiales did not say 'Soldiers did it.' Second, it is misleading to say that soldiers did it, as if insinuating that the AFP masterminded the kidnapping of the GMA 7 crew.

"It's unfair to the soldiers to be swiftly branded as the kidnappers in the country."

Carolina pointed out that the involvement of any of the military escorts in the abduction had not been established.

"This has to be established by the investigation now ongoing," he said. "It is therefore incorrect to say that the 'soldiers did it.' Carlo and Gilbert further explained this when they said that they never talked and never had any transactions with the escorts."

Carolina, however, said the military escort or escorts would be charged if their involvement was established.

"If ever there was any participation of an escort of Hadja, the escort will be charged as accessory to the crime," he said, later adding: "If indeed this uniformed man was the escort of Hadja, his participation can range from an accessory to an accomplice of Hadja."

Consequently, he said, Hadja Leng would be "charged as the mastermind of the kidnapping."

Banaan had earlier said charges of kidnapping with serious illegal detention would be filed tomorrow against Hadja Leng.

Carolina said the military immediately took protective custody of Hadja Leng and Abubakar and turned them over to the police after news of their possible involvement in the abduction came out.

"Being the last persons seen with the missing GMA 7 crew, they were automatically considered as suspects. Hadja is a principal suspect since she was the only one who talked to Carlo into joining her," he said, adding:

"They were immediately put into protective custody until the legal requirements were attended to, and at the same time, we are ensuring that they will not escape."

Echoing Purificacion, Carolina said the military provided escorts for Hadja Leng because she was helping the military convince secessionist rebels, especially members of the Misuari Breakaway Group, to surrender under the "Balik-Baril" program.

"She has been producing results because MNLF rebels yielded to the authorities," he said.

Carolina noted that the Crisis Management Committee likewise tapped Hadja Leng to look for the Indonesian captives following reports that they had been turned over to the Abu Sayyaf, which is also holding four members of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

'At all cost'

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay has asked Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor to investigate within 15 days the military's alleged involvement in the Lorenzo-Ordiales abduction.

Magsaysay, chair of the Senate committee on national defense and security, said the military investigation should be honest, incisive and comprehensive.

"We must listen intently to the freed journalists, we must get to the truth at all cost," he said. "This investigation must not be tilted and must not allow coddling of military wrongdoing."

The senator also said Carolina should be open to the inquiry in order to purge the AFP ranks of criminals in uniform.

The AFP must not shut off reports of military malfeasance, he said.

Magsaysay said he himself would initiate a Senate investigation of the incident if the military inquiry proved unsatisfactory. *With reports from Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Cynthia D. Balana in Manila*

LORENZO (right) and cameraman Ordiales

JOAN BONDOC

GMA 7 statement

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The PNP and the AFP Southern Command are now conducting separate investigations to pinpoint those behind the abduction.

Pending further investigation, GMA Network Inc., Carlo Lorenzo and Gilbert Ordiales cannot directly accuse anyone in the military and the police.

Since Day 1 of the crisis, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police have been most helpful to GMA Network Inc.

Without their assistance and expertise, and the helpful intercession of Sulu Gov. Yusop Jikiri, Carlo Lorenzo and Gilbert Ordiales would not have been brought home quickly and safely. Southcom Chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina was our vital lifeline throughout this ordeal.

FELIPE L. GOZON
President and CEO
GMA Network Inc.

Hubby goes . . .

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"I've got those women in Germany in an uproar," she said.

Friday, the booking chief for Dr. Phil McGraw, late of Oprah Winfrey's show and now the star of his own daytime show, called from Los Angeles to ask a newspaper staffer for help contacting Thompson.

Holding correspondence from a woman who had seen her story, Thompson read a passage from the letter, asking that she keep her in her prayers.

Other women have driven past and honked.

Probably nobody has been more surprised by all this than her husband. "He thought it was pretty amazing," Thompson said. "I think he was a little shocked."

While her story has taken on a life of its own, Thompson is quick to remind people that it started as one woman's campaign for appreciation.

"Like I keep telling people," she said, "This wasn't for publicity. This is a personal thing."

One thing is for sure; she is appreciated now.

But the roses and an offer of a Las Vegas vacation she received this week came from the folks at Inside Edition, not her husband.

"He's going to buy those flowers and take me on vacation," she insisted. *AP*

Carlo Lorenzo: I never said that the soldiers did it

ON OCT. 5, 2002, the Philippine Daily Inquirer's headline was: "SOLDIERS DID IT, SAYS FREED GMA REPORTER, TV crew to file charges vs. military asset, escorts." i never said that the soldiers did it.

1. Stated in the first 3 paragraphs—"Mr. Lorenzo disclosed that two soldiers providing security for a female military asset were behind the abduction."

I never described Hadja Leng as a military asset. I also never told the INQUIRER that the armed men were soldiers. I simply described them as escorts in fatigues. They were not even mentioned as "military escorts" in the press conference. Shortly after I was released, I did refer to "military escorts" but only because that is what my guide told me.

2. Stated in the second paragraph of the report—"Mr. Lorenzo and Mr. Ordiales were too scared to look at the names on the combat fatigues."

Although I felt fear, I was never too scared to look at the nameplates. I saw that there were no names on them.

3. Stated in the fourth paragraph—"Mr. Lorenzo decided to include Hadja Leng and Kumander Arola in his complaint."

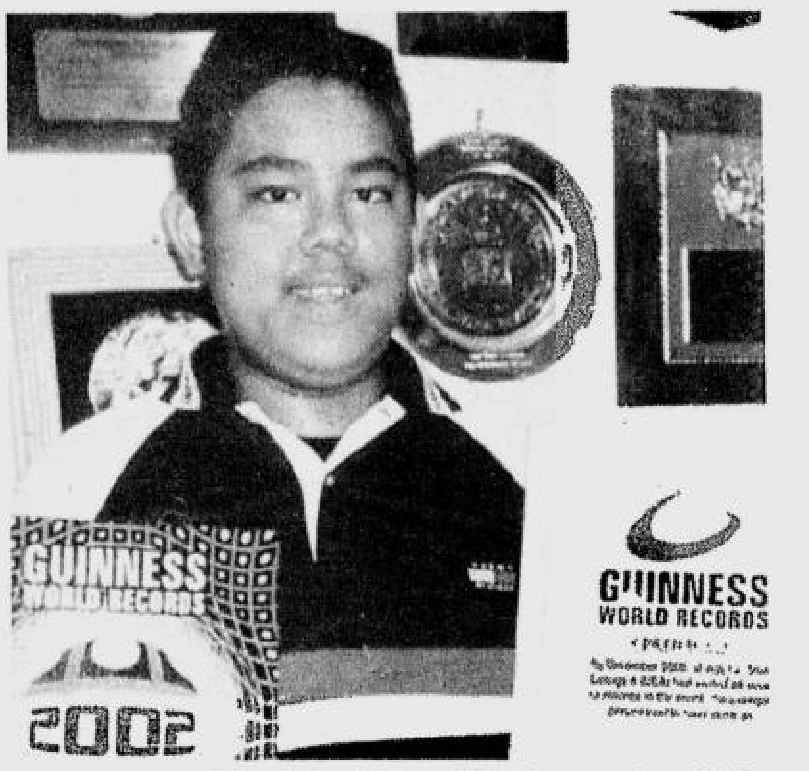
As of the date contemplated in the report, I have not filed any complaint/charges but I immediately gave my sworn statement to the police. I did not tell the INQUIRER anything about including the two in any complaint.

I also never mentioned the name Kumander Arola Abubakar in any of my interviews (in reference to page A21—it seemed that the elderly man who rode with them was Abubakar. I never made any claims that the elderly man was indeed Abubakar pending proper identification).

4. Stated on page A21—"belongings were left on the roadside."

What I said was that some of these were left in the "dinaanang gubat."

Gilbert Ordiales and I and our respective families stress that it was through the relentless efforts and strategies employed by the military, led by AFP Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, local government officials, Philippine National Police and civilians which comprise the crisis management committee headed by Sulu Governor Yusop Jikiri that our safe and fast release was achieved.



MARIO CASUGA II, 12: Around the world in eight years through 50 countries in seven continents. And he gets recognition from Guinness.

Fil-Am is world's . . .

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Records.

Mario's feat is cited on page 267 in the Guinness 2002 edition. Mario, born on Sept. 30, 1988, was 12 years, two months and 16 days old when he broke the world record on Dec. 16, 2000 in Antarctica.

The old record belonged to American David Svec, 15, of Metairie, Louisiana.

The Guinness entry reads: "Youngest Person to Travel to Each Continent. By December 2000, at age 12, Mario Casuga II (USA), had visited all seven continents in the world, becoming the youngest person ever to have done so. Traveling with his parents, Mario and Rebecca, Mario Jr. had visited nearly 40 countries before completing his quest in Antarctica."

It took Mario and his parents over eight years to travel to 50 countries.

He lives in Tampa, Florida, with his parents. He's the only child of Mario Casuga Sr., 50, who retired three years ago as a US Air Force administrative specialist, and the former Rebecca Balicdang, a registered nurse at the James A. Halley Veterans Hospital.

When Mario set foot in Antarctica, he and his parents did not know he had set a world record.

"In April last year, four months after we visited all seven continents, my dad stumbled upon the Guinness World Records on the Internet," said Mario, now 13. "He decided to check the entry 'Youngest World Traveler' and found out that I could beat the record holder by three years.'"

Mario's father, a University of the Philippines alumnus and a master's degree holder from San Francisco's Golden Gate University, sent an application package, including copies of passports, stamped airline tickets, cruise certificates, travel itineraries, newspaper and magazine clippings and photos from at least one country per continent. Six months later, Guinness Records specialist Hein Le Roux called him and said, "Congratulations, your son has been selected as the youngest person to have traveled to all seven continents."

When Mario arrived at home from Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School, where he's a seventh grader, his dad told him the good news.

"I was speechless, it took a while for the news to really sink in," he told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Mario is a consistent honor student and a member of the US National Junior Honor Society. He's also a writer for their school paper, Crusader Chronicle. But he has remained humble.

"My trips taught me to respect people, regardless of their color or beliefs. And if I rose from an average lifestyle to become a world record holder, then I hope young Filipinos with big dreams could take heart in my story," he said.

Mario received a complimentary Guinness World Record Book 2002 edition, a Guinness World Record certificate and the right to be featured in various media. He has framed the certificate and will display it in his room, along with his medals and honor certificates when the Casugas move to their new home in Palm Beach this month.

Well-deserved title

His proud father told the INQUIRER his son earned his title: "Many times, he nearly lost his life in his travels. A truck almost sideswiped him in Belgium. He got dead groggy from 50-foot waves on our way to Antarctica. He had a hard time breathing in Toronto, Canada's CN Tower, the world's tallest tower."

How many youngsters have scaled the Great Wall of China, witnessed the changing of the guards at London's Buckingham Palace or listened to the Pope at the Vatican? Or touched the historic pillars of Greece's Parthenon, rested at the bottom of the Giza pyramids in Egypt and collected pieces of the crumbled Berlin Wall?

The Casugas started traveling just for fun. When Mario's father was stationed in Saudi Arabia for eight years, the family was able to cover five continents. Back in the United States, the Casugas finished touring the other two.

Mario's parents paid for all the trips to 50 countries.

How much did it cost?

Mrs. Casuga's reply: "Oh gosh, roughly the cost of a decent three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath, two-car-garage single family house in Florida—or about a hundred thousand dollars."

Mario's journey started when he was 3-and-a-half. First stop was Bangkok, Thailand. Initially, he had fear of flying. But overall, Thailand remains a favorite place.

The family took trips during Christmas or Spring break and the long summer vacation. Mario's father took photos with his instamatic camera.

After landing in the Guinness, the Casuga family has since made trips to Aruba, Barbados, Bonaire, Cayman Island, St. Lucia, St. Thomas, St. John, Dominica and Puerto Rico.

Antarctica experience

Mario thanks "God for keeping me safe" through all his journeys.

He said he had the worst experience in Antarctica, with the 50-foot waves and huge icebergs that could collapse anytime and bury tourists alive.

In Bangkok, he was so thrilled by the alligator wrestling show that he almost slipped right into the pit.

Like any regular teenager, Mario's interests include basketball, cyber-chatting and video games. He likes to play XBOX, because it has cool graphics and life-like repro of objects that he can play with, especially football. His favorite bands are Blink182 and Linkin Park. His favorite movies are "Gladiator," "Rush Hour," "Spiderman" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

His mom said Mario loves pizza—"he can eat it all day long."

As for idols, his views changed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I now have a greater appreciation of policemen, firemen, paramedics and others who work so hard to keep our cities safe and secure," he said.

His parents described Mario as basically a homebody. They encourage him to go to parties and be more outgoing.

"I'm the shy type," said Mario. "Girls like me as a friend, but I'm not cool enough to ask a girl on a date."

His feat hasn't changed him, even if he has been featured in the Florida media and has become a celebrity in school. Students in his school have asked for his autograph. A third grader got his signature at least three times.

"That's it for me, I don't plan on setting any more record. My dad has other plans, though. He wants to establish a record as 'The Most Traveled Family in the World.' So if we keep traveling at our pace, maybe he'll achieve his goal," Mario added, laughing.

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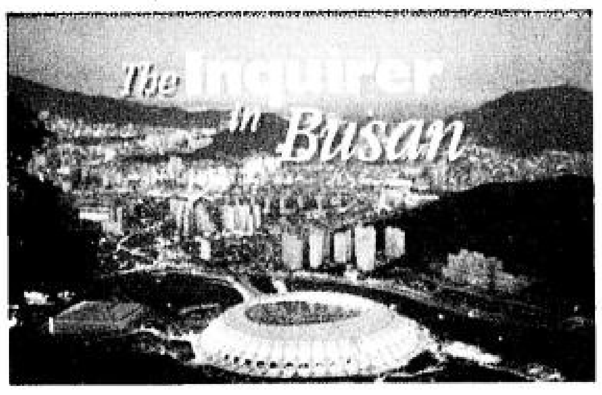

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

BUSAN, South Korea—Warren Kiamco settled for the silver medal last night in the 9-ball singles competition for the only significant development in Philippine participation today in the 14th Asian Games.

And the 21-year-old Ria Denise Quiazon looked poised to salvage at least a bronze medal in the women's division of golf as the men's team crashed out of the medal race.

The 34-year-old Kiamco failed to recover from the shock of a 6-1 start and went on to lose the gold medal, 11-3, to Chinese Taipei's Yang Ching-Shun.

The 5-foot-5 native of Carmen, Cebu, advanced to the finals by beating South Korea's Jeong Young-hwa in the semifinals.

But despite the loss, Kiamco's feat was still a source of joy for the Philippine delegation as it produced the country's first silver medal in a humble follow up to the bowling gold medal won Friday night by Paeng Nepomuceno and RJ Bautista.

Kiamco thus became richer by P750,000, including P250,000 from RP team supporter Samsung.

Aside from the bowling gold and billiard silver, the Philippines has also won earlier five bronze medals through shooting (2), rowing (1), billiards (1) and bowling (1).

Shun was the same person who beat Filipino bet Antonio Lining, 11-10, to arrange the gold medal encounter against Kiamco.

Lining actually lost bitterly, leading 5-3 and then lost the lead momentarily at 5-7 and 6-9 before

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Paeng eyeing 3 more Asiad golds

Suspect wrist helps ace bowler deflect Asian Games jinx

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Bowling's gold mine still throbs with golden hopes.

With the Asian Games jinx finally broken, Paeng Nepomuceno has trained his sights on three more events in Asian Games bowling together with his winning partner RJ Bautista.

He is entered in both the men's trio and 5-man event where he needs to assemble big games to qualify him to the finals of the Masters.

"I'm now totally focused and I hope the country will continue praying for us," Nepomuceno was quoted as saying by Steve Hontiveros, president of the Philippine Bowling Congress. "It's like a bone has been removed from my throat."

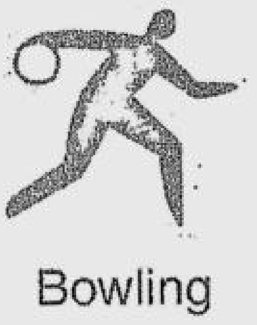
Before winning the gold medal Friday night with Bautista in the men's doubles, Nepomuceno's world stature has been repeatedly shamed by lackluster performances in the Asiad.

Always feared on the international lanes but never an Asiad winner, his best finish before Friday was a silver in the 1994 Hiroshima Asiad.

What made Friday's feat more memorable for Nepomuceno, who won his first of a record four World Cup titles in 1974 in Teheran, is his wrist was suspect when the Games began.

It will be remembered that the lefty had his wrist operated on only a while back. There were doubts his career was over.

But with his victory Friday, Nepomuceno can again shout to the world that he is back.



His teammates in the men's trio that began yesterday and will end today are Bautista and Biboy Rivera.

The only bowler to be in the Guinness Book of World Records has for company Bautista, Rivera, Chester King and Botchok Rey in the 5-man event set for today and tomorrow.

The top 16 from the 19 nations entered after both events will advance to the Masters Oct. 8-9.

"With God's mercy as usual, we hope to win more medals in the coming days," said Hontiveros. "We should be on track for more if Paeng maintains his form."

14th Asian Games
BUSAN 2002

BAUTISTA (left) and Nepomuceno kiss their gold medals.

JESS YUSON

Bowling chief's prayers answered

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Bowling president Steve Hontiveros said yesterday he could no longer remember who the country's first gold medalist in bowling was.

"I know the gold medal came in the 1986 Seoul Asian Games," said Hontiveros. "But I could not remember who won it. It's been that long."

It was Bong Coo. The now-retired Coo is now into ladies billiards as ladies billiards association president. Just very recently, her wards beat Singapore in a dual meet in Manila.

"Our victory last night proved once more that in bowling, we can really excel internationally," said Hontiveros the morning after the golden feat scored Friday night by Paeng Nepomuceno and RJ Bautista in bowling's doubles. "Paeng has always been the grandest example as he is the only Filipino to be named in the international Hall of Fame for bowling."

Hontiveros said he went to church Friday morning, hours before Nepomuceno and Bautista would go to battle and win the country's first gold five days into the Games.

"I prayed hard that God's graces would shower upon all our athletes," said Hontiveros. "Call me a little selfish but I prayed harder when it was time to seek God's help for my bowlers. My prayers were answered."

The 57-year-old Hontiveros said all his life after college has been practically spent in bowling.

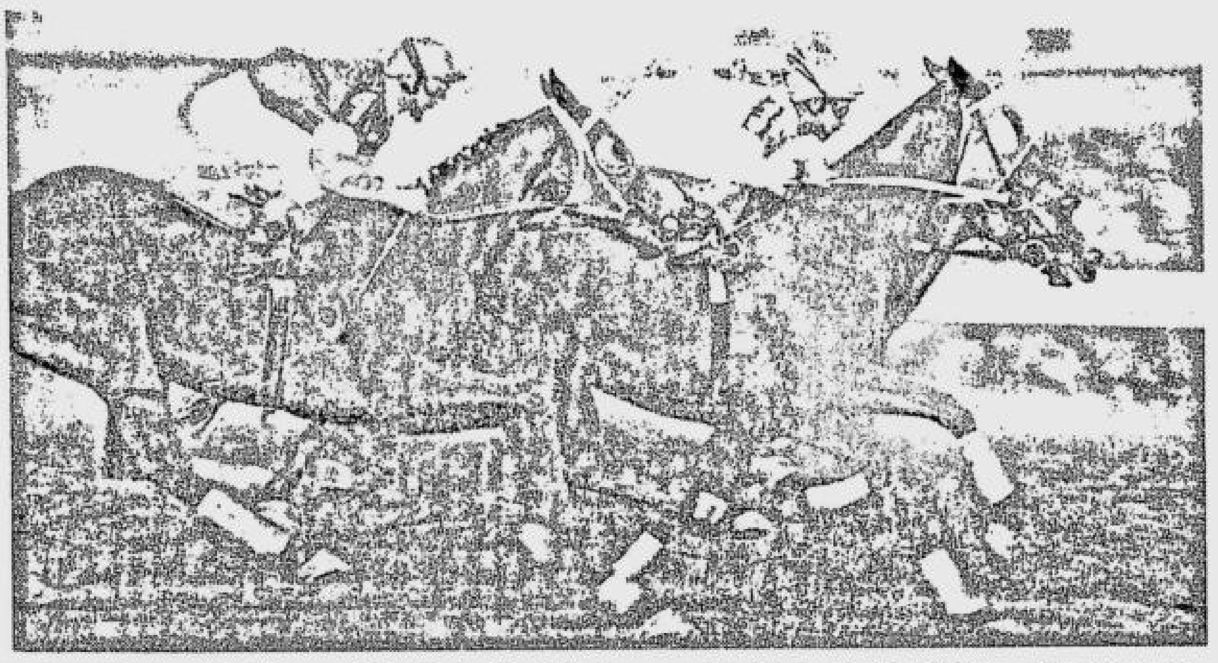
"I'm in bowling for more than 30 years now," said Hontiveros, born in Balete, Aklan. "Before I became the PBC (Philippine Bowling Congress) president, I was a world officer already of the FIQ as its auditor."

Hontiveros is a CPA by profession, an alumnus of La Salle who was president of the school's commerce student council.

"I don't know but modesty aside, I've always been a leader," said Hontiveros. "I left bowling for six years to concentrate on my business (textile). But when they came knocking at my door to ask me to return, I obliged. *Ewan ko.* Loyalty *ko talaga sa* bowling."

One of the key factors for the resurgence of bowling was Hontiveros' move to hire an American (Purvis Granger) to coach the bowlers.

"He's been of great help to us," he said of Granger.



GOLDEN Ballet (3) gallops past Velocity (rail) as Windlass runs third during the 3rd Philtobo-Mitra Cup 3YO Fillies Championship yesterday at Santa Ana. Golden Ballet, ridden by JB Hernandez, easily won the race.

ROMY HORMILLOSA

Golden Ballet, Mighty Strong share Mitra limelight anew

By Edwin Villanueva

GOLDEN Ballet and Mighty Strong were in the limelight last year. They shared it again yesterday.

Easily routing the field, Golden Ballet ruled the 3YO Fillies, while Mighty Strong relied on his big finishing kick anew to top the 3Y0 Colts of the Philtobo-Mitra Cup 3 Championships at the Santa Ana Park.

Golden Ballet finished off the opposition after grabbing the lead nearing the backstretch and drawing away to prevail by eight lengths.

Mighty Strong, on the other hand, held off Bidang Bida down the stretch for a one length victory.

Both wins were worth P300,00 each for owners Jun Almeda (Golden Ballet) and Albert Yam (Mighty Strong). In last year's Mitra Cup staging, Golden Ballet (Treasure Cay-Likeable Style) triumphed in the Juvenile Fillies, while Mighty Strong (Say the Truth-Proud Pappose) took the Juvenile Colts.

And just like in Mitra Cup 2, Jonathan "Unoh" Hernandez was back to steer Golden Ballet, while Fernando "Dhunoy" Raquel partnered Mighty Strong again.

"I'm happy she (Golden Ballet) did it again this year," said Almeda, whose prized filly had earlier won this year's Cojuangco Cup and Lakambini Stakes.

Yam, a Philtobo director, said he was likewise elated by Mighty Strong's win and lauded Raquel for his "wonderful ride."

The Mitra Cup 3 racefest comes to a fitting finale today with the running of three more championship events.

Hermie Esguerra's High Octane is the hands-down pick in the Juvenile Colts, Paolo Mendoza's Batangas Entry is tipped to win the Classsic, while an anybody's race is expected in the Juvenile Fillies.

RACING TIPS

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Race 1—1. Security Master 2. Dynamic Jason 3. Red Star Rising
Race 2—1. Honour Graduate 2. Cryptorose 3. Mythical Forest 4. Miss Anapat
Race 3—1. Noble House 2. Queen Matawe 3. Gold and Dollar 4. Slew's Pleasure 5. Firenze Rose
Race 4—1. American Beauty 2. Vanclx 3. Ready Aim Fire 4. So Generous 5. Sexy Royale
Race 5—1. High Octane/Reigns Supreme 2. Savvy Lad
Race 6—1. Tumataginting 2. James Joy 3. Red Bells 4. High and Mighty 5. Fearzam
Race 7—1. Dixie Dancer 2. Love and Kisses 3. Lorna 4. Cherry Lane 5. Heading West
Race 8—1. Tatler Cover/Sandata 2. Shining Pyramid 3. Dona Gelay 4. Brainchild 5. Twister
Race 9—1. Dandansoy/Hazmoore 2. Sparkling Sky 3. Al Baraq 4. Be Quiet
Race 10—1. Buena Sera 2. Cat's Bells 3. Flirting Hero 4. Sunny Puddles 5. Heredera
Race 11—1. Gemstone 2. Materiales Fuertes 3. Mrs. Big 4. Kayang Kaya 5. Always Florence
Race 12—1. Batangas Entry 2. Silver Story 3. Ilocandia Slew
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Adamson belles force KO match

By Dennis U. Eroa

ADAMSON leaned on the explosive performance of SEA Games veteran Minerva Narciza to stop titleholder La Salle, 58-54, and send the best-of-three series for the UAAP women's basketball crown into a knockout match yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

The 5-foot-9 Narciza, who saw action for the Philippine team in last year's Kuala Lumpur SEAG, bucked La Salle's swarming defense, erupting with 26 points on top of 22 rebounds and three assists.

"I told her (Narciza) before the game to get ready because La Salle would concentrate on stopping her. Our offense revolved around Narciza and I'm glad that she delivered," said winning coach Emelia Vega.

Game Three will be held on Thursday at the University of Santo Tomas Gym. Two years ago, the Lady Falcons lost in three games to the Lady Archers in the championship.

A native of Sion, Pangasinan, Narciza's stirring show proved too hot to handle for the Lady Archers, who are aiming for their fourth straight title.

The Taft-based cagebelles also came to the ballgame carrying an amazing 13-0 record, having beaten the Lady Falcons twice in the eliminations and in Game One of the championship series, 73-62, last Sunday.

"We wanted to win this one badly," said Narciza, a senior marketing student. "La Salle has dominated us this season and we want to regain our pride."

Scores:

ADAMSON 58-Narciza 26, Fortez 13, Dayson 10, Yanez 4, Gadian 2, Cosntantino 2, Lomogda 1, Dumayag 0.

DLSU 54-Jessica Manglo 11, Mariano 10, Severino 10, Velarde 8, Jessamine Manalo 6, Santos 6, Sosca 3, Prado 0, Galam 0.

Quarters: 16-12, 29-24, 43-34, 58-54.

DOT backs Tour

THE DEPARTMENT of Tourism has thrown its all-out support for the grand staging of the Air 21-FedEx Express Tour ng Pilipinas next year, a 14-stage cycling tour promoting a handful of tourism spots in the country.

In a recent meeting with Express Tour officials, DOT director Romulo de los Reyes spoke in behalf of Tourism secretary Richard Gordon and signified the agency's support through accommodations on some of the key stops for the 500-strong Express Tour entourage.

De los Reyes, who mans the DOT's Bureau of International Tourism Promotion, also said the DOT would help organize an array of cultural shows on certain stages to provide entertainment for the Express Tour's legion of fans in the provinces.

"We'll identify the stages where we could put up the shows and, together with the DOT, map out the programs for its success," said Air 21-FedEx Express Tour executive director Mar Mendoza.

Davenport, Safin win

MOSCOW—Lindsay Davenport, the highest-seeded women's player remaining in the Kremlin Cup, on Friday struggled past a dismal first set to beat Russia's Elena Bovina, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, and enter the semifinals of the US$2.2 million tournament.

In men's play, top-seeded Marat Safin of Russia, who is still seeking his first title this season, needed just a break in each set to beat fifth-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland 7-5, 6-4, and second-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia, the tournament defending champion, eliminated Cyril Saulnier of France in straight sets 6-3, 7-5.

Fifth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France beat lucky-loser Maja Matevzic of Slovenia 7-6 (1), 6-3 to proceed to the semifinals, where she will face Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva who fired five aces to breeze past France's Nathalie Dechy 6-4, 6-2. *AP*

2 share derby honors

VETERAN breeder Jesus "Itoy" Sison and Elwin Javelosa shared the top honors during last Wednesday's championship of the record-breaking 10th Annual 7-Stag Maskara Derby hosted by the Gamefowl Breeders Association of Negros (GF-BAN), in cooperation with, Thunderbird Power Feeds.

Sison's JVS entry and Javelosa's Alfie-ESJ posted identical perfect scores of 7 wins out of 7 matches, outclassing more than 200 competitors.

GF-BAN, led by its President Otec Geroso, now set its sights on the scheduled 5-Stag Clean-up Derby set on Oct. 10 and 12 which is also in line with this year's Maskara Festival celebration.

Submission of weights (1.700 to 2.200 kgs.) is set on Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more inquiries and reservation of hotel and cockhouses, interested parties may call Elmer Codilla at (053) 255-5828.

Fistorama on RPN 9

SAN Miguel Beer's "Fistorama" today features super-flyweights Benjie Concepcion and Joel Bauya in 10 rounds.

Fistorama, now on its second season, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9. It is presented by San Miguel Beer.

Adobo for RP golfers

BUSAN, South Korea—The president and executive director of the National Golf Association of the Philippines barely had sleep Saturday night.

Reason: they worked overtime cooking rice, chicken pork adobo and pig knuckles. The Filipino delicacies were for the golfers entered in the Asian Games here.

"We must have hit the sack at 4 a.m.," said Rod Feliciano, the NGAP president. "We had to do it as this might bring back the fighting spirit to our players."

Jake Ayson, the NGAP executive director, bought styrofoams Friday afternoon and packed them with boiled rice to go with the menu.

"Suddenly, we are like going to an excursion the way we do it back home," said Ayson, whose family owns a thriving catering business. *ASM*

ASIAD GOLF

Quiazon takes solo 3rd in women's play

By Al S. Mendoza

QUIAZON: Hottest RP golfer. JESS YUSON

BUSAN, South Korea—Ria Denise Quiazon kept the flame burning for the country's golfers as she remained in contention in ladies play in the Asian Games here.

The 21-year-old Quiazon, a golf scholar at UC Berkeley in San Francisco, CA, fired a 1-under-par 71 to become the hottest player on the RP golf team following disastrous performances by the men's team.

Her teammates Heidi Chua and Carmelette Villaroman shot 78 and 80, respectively, but they were good enough to allow the Philippine women's team to keep third place in team play.

Quiazon is in solo third at 221, five shots behind the second running Ai Miyazato of Japan and eight off South Korea's Kim Joo Mi.

Because of her steady play, the Philippines is five shots up on Chinese Taipei in the ladies division.

But the men's team collapsed in an almost inexplicable manner, with Juvic Pagunsan saving some pride with his 73 yesterday.

Angelo Que and Jerome Delariarte bombed out with 82 and 80, respectively, and all but dashed hopes for the RP men's team to salvage the bronze.

Marlon Dizon's 79 counted as the Filipinos totaled 688 for a shameful ninth place standing, a stroke shy of China, with one round remaining.

The fight for even the bronze medal in men's play is totally lost as Pagunsan, in 14th spot at 75-77-73=225, is the best-placed Filipino nine shots behind the third running Chang HW of Chinese Taipei.

"It's gone," said Admiral Louie Fernandez, vice president of the National Golf Association of the Philippines. "The men's team is lost but we're glad our women's team is keeping us in the fight, thanks to Ria (Quiazon)."

Que's collapse was accentuated by a 9 on the par-5 ninth, when he drove into the trees and needed some shots before he could get into the fairway.

Going out with an even bogey, the reigning RP Open low medalist honors completely carried the baggage coming home to score one of his worst ever in an international event.

He was in a tie for 27th with Delariarte at 233, with Dizon mired in 36th with 236.

"We didn't have the breaks today in men's play," said Benny Gopez, team captain of both the men's and women's teams. "I'm just glad that Ria is giving us the inspiration to move on. We're hanging on in the women's division and let's hope we could pull this one off."

Said Rod Feliciano, the NGAP president: "We just need to concentrate on the gains our women's team has achieved thus far. Let's not lose hope."

India's rising star sparkles

BUSAN, South Korea—India's Shiv Kapur, a star in the making, shot a sparkling three-under-par 69 in the third round of the Asian Games golf on Saturday to share the lead with Anura Rohana of Sri Lanka.

Kapur, a college student in the United States who shot an incredible 19-under-par for four rounds to lead the qualifying event for the Indian team, has a total of 214.

The 20-year-old Kapur was tipped for greatness recently by Arjun Atwal, the first Indian to win on the European Tour. *AFP*

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PAIN MANAGEMENT ADVICE

Bearing pain might just prove unbearable.

As many as 80% of Filipinos try to bear muscle pain - specifically pain associated with regular work or exercise. They assume it's "normal" and bear it without doing anything, hoping that it will eventually just go away, only to find out that it hasn't subsided, and has even gotten worse.

THE EFFECTS OF PAIN (AND BEARING IT)

Common muscle pain usually indicates some muscle damage, like small tears and inflammation in the muscle fibers. Pain affects productivity as the afflicted person often cannot work well or not at all. Moreover, unrelieved pain may cause sleeplessness which also leads to weariness and irritability. In this way, pain does not only affect the victim but the people around him as well.

PAIN IS THE BODY'S WARNING. HEED IT.

Pain is our body's way of telling us that there's something wrong and that we should do something about it. In the case of muscle pain, stop the activity that causes it. In most cases, application of hot or cold compresses helps in relieving pain and inflammation.

Analgesics like paracetamol are also helpful in relieving pain. However, since most conditions are accompanied by inflammation, control of inflammation by a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug like ibuprofen is also beneficial. A combination of an analgesic like paracetamol and a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug like ibuprofen provides superior pain relief.

IT'S ALRIGHT TO TAKE OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) PAIN KILLERS.

OTC analgesics and anti-inflammatory agents have a good safety profile: they do not have tolerance and addictive potential, and are easily excreted in the urine. Be sure to take them at recommended dosage, with food, and never with alcohol.

IF YOUR PAIN PERSISTS, SEE YOUR DOCTOR.

Generally, OTC analgesics should not be taken for more than 10 days. If symptoms worsen (i.e., new symptoms appear, symptoms do not improve), pain persists, and if redness and swelling are present, it is best to consult your doctor. Persistent pain or recurring pain especially in the chest or along the left arm should not be ignored among high-risk individuals (i.e., diabetic and/or hypertensive patients). Pain in these areas may mean a more serious condition like myocardial infarction or heart attack.

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ASIAD BOXING

Payla wins, joins 3 other RP pugs to QF

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Violeto Payla used a do-or-die stance in the last two rounds yesterday to snatch victory over tough Tulashboy Doniyorov of Uzbekistan in the 14th Asian Games here.

The close win for the 23-year-old southpaw from Cagayan de Oro increased to four the number of Filipino boxers advancing to the quarterfinals.

"I'm glad our boy heeded my instructions to the letter," said coach Boy Velasco in Filipino. "We were behind and I had to instruct him to go all out in the last two rounds if we wanted to win."

Payla, an Armyman with the rank of private first class, landed solid and furious punches to the body and face of the Uzbek in a mighty rally that saw his foe backpedal in surrender in the closing seconds of the fight.

The Filipino rookie joined teammates Harry Tanamor (48 kg), Rome Brin (63.5 kg) and Maraon Golez (75 kg) in the next round where a win would position them for a bronze medal.

Two other Filipinos—Roel Laguna and Anthony Igusquiza—have yet to fight, with Laguna climbing the ring today against Syria's Hamedi Yousef in a featherweight bout.

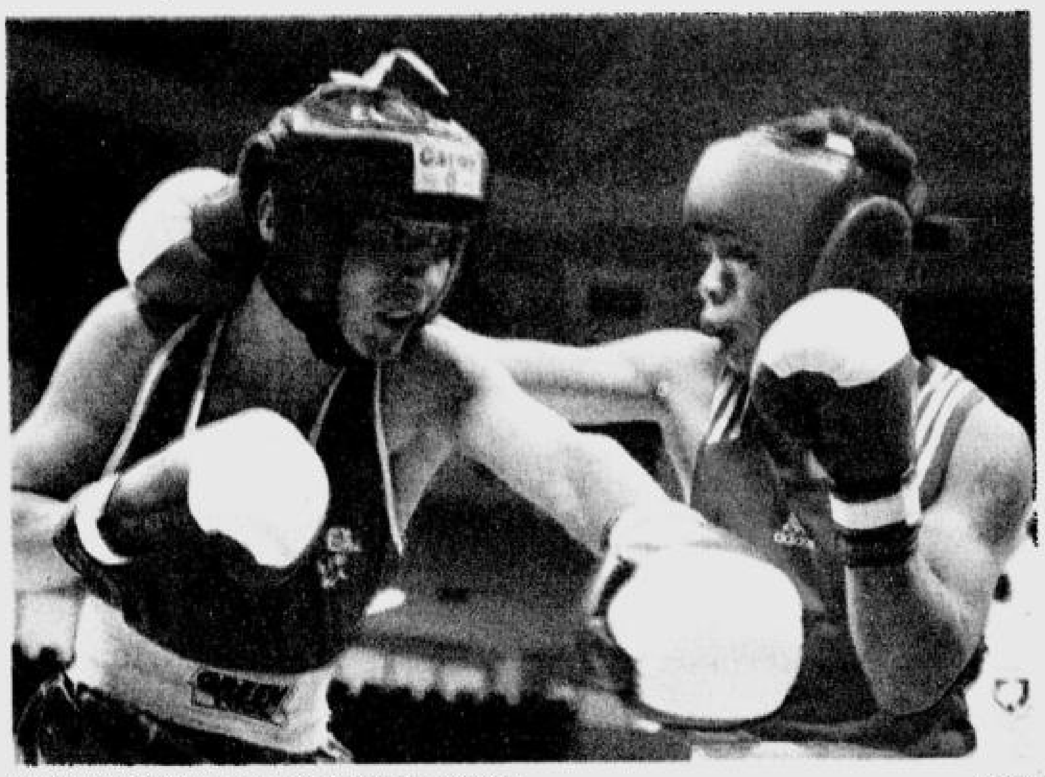
Igusquiza, a veteran internationalist from Aklan, sees action tomorrow against dangerous Samaksaman Phunjit of Thailand in a lightweight encounter.

"Everybody is in tip-top shape and mentally, they are well prepared," said Velasco, who took over from the coaching chores of Cuban Raul Liranza Fernandez following Fernandez' tactical error in the Sydney Olympics that cost the country a possible medal.

With six men standing from the pool of eight boxers sent here by the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines, boxing president Manny Lopez said he was hopeful the country's chances of erasing the shutout of the 1998 Bangkok Asiad are great.

"Two down, but the six men we have so far are all toughened by international exposures," said Lopez. "Even the setbacks suffered by Camat and Gamo were not really total setbacks since both lost tightly fought contests. Gamo lost by a mere point, remember?"

The Filipinos are trying to duplicate—if not surpass—the three golds won by the boxers in the 1994 Hiroshima Asiad.



PAYLA (right) trades punches with Doniyorov. REUTERS

21 Pinoy bets going home

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—Team Philippines will never reach its full complement of 218 athletes in the 14th Asian Games here.

That's because the non-medal winners are mandated by the Busan Asian Games Organizing Committee to start packing up two days after the conclusion of competitions in their disciplines.

Yesterday, 21 athletes and two coaches left this city to take the plane back to Manila even as the wushu artists have yet to arrive.

The first bunch of "balikbayans" are 10 judokas, seven sepak takraw bets, two weightlifters, a rower and a coach, and actor and fencer Richard Gomez and a coach.

Slated to leave tomorrow are some rowers, including bronze medalists Alvin Amposta and Nestor Cordova, the other fencers, three gymnasts and the ill-fated softball team, which dropped all its games via shutouts.

Medalists are actually entitled to stay up to the awarding ceremonies, according to Amateur Rowing Association of the Philippines president and Philippine Olympic Committee executive council treasurer Benjamin Ramos, but his wards have pressing commitments back home.

The last to leave would be the tracksters because athletics run up to the closing ceremonies on Oct. 14.

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Page one stuff

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Just to let you know.

The suspense brought about by our bowling gold Friday night had me grappling with a journalist's worst enemy: deadline.

I was covering the basketball game between the Philippines and Taipei when Paeng Nepomuceno and RJ Bautista were battling for the men's doubles gold in Asian Games bowling.

The game had been won, 83-69, for the cagers' fourth straight win but it took me several hours more to finally learn of our bowlers' victory.

Before that, however, I had filed my basketball story and written the day's wrap-up, meaning I had closed shop.

Since deadline was near, a provisional story about the possibility of the gold in bowling had been sent to Manila.

I wanted to wait for the final outcome in bowling at the basketball Sub-Press Center, where I pitched camp to steal time since mobility here is hampered not only by communication gap but also the distances from one venue to another. From the basketball gym to the bowling venue alone was a good one hour and 30 minutes—at the very least.

In times like this, mobility is the mother of all deadlines.

The basketball Sub-Press Center, like the other Sub-Press Centers scattered around the city, has a telephone booth to patch up my laptop that can connect me to Manila. But horror of horrors, I couldn't stay.

The staff manning the place were all set to leave; they couldn't leave if I would not leave.

Smiling impishly, I said my usual goodbye, hailed a cab and decided I'd file the final wrap-up in my hotel. It was past 10 o'clock here (past 9 in Manila).

Then like a bolt of lightning, the news came. Paeng and RJ won the country's first gold medal.

Using a cell phone I rented here for dollar a day and powered by Smart's Mon Isberto (you are a manna from heaven, Mon), I learned about the victory—aboard a cab. Since deadline was near and my story would be late if I postponed writing it till I get to my hotel (a good 1 hour and a half away), I decided right there and there to file it by phone.

With Marc Anthony Reyes, a sharp-eyed sportswriter catching every word dictated on the phone, I fired away off-the-cup—unmindful of the cabbie's overspeeding ways. Through tunnels, flyovers and heavy traffic, I wrote a story minus pen and paper, minus my laptop, minus everything. Just a cell phone. And a voice that cracked and croaked with each hump the cab hurdled. The story landed in page one.

Who said it can't be done?

It's that time-tested saying at work again: Necessity knows no law.

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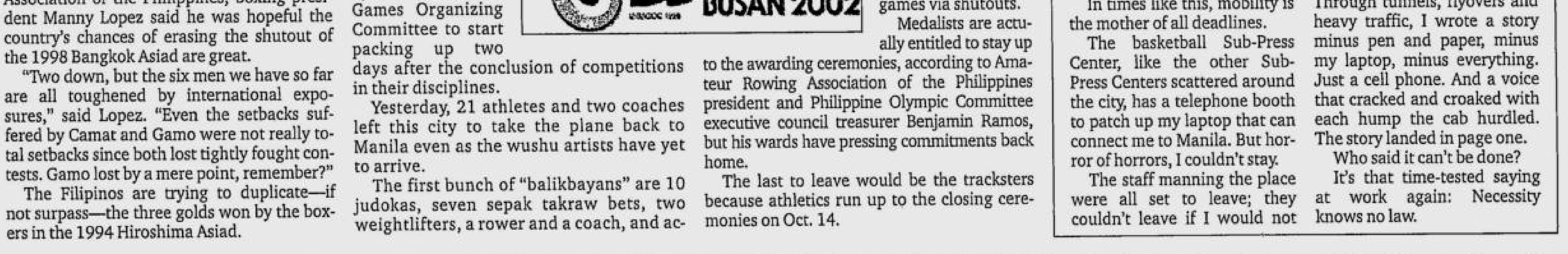

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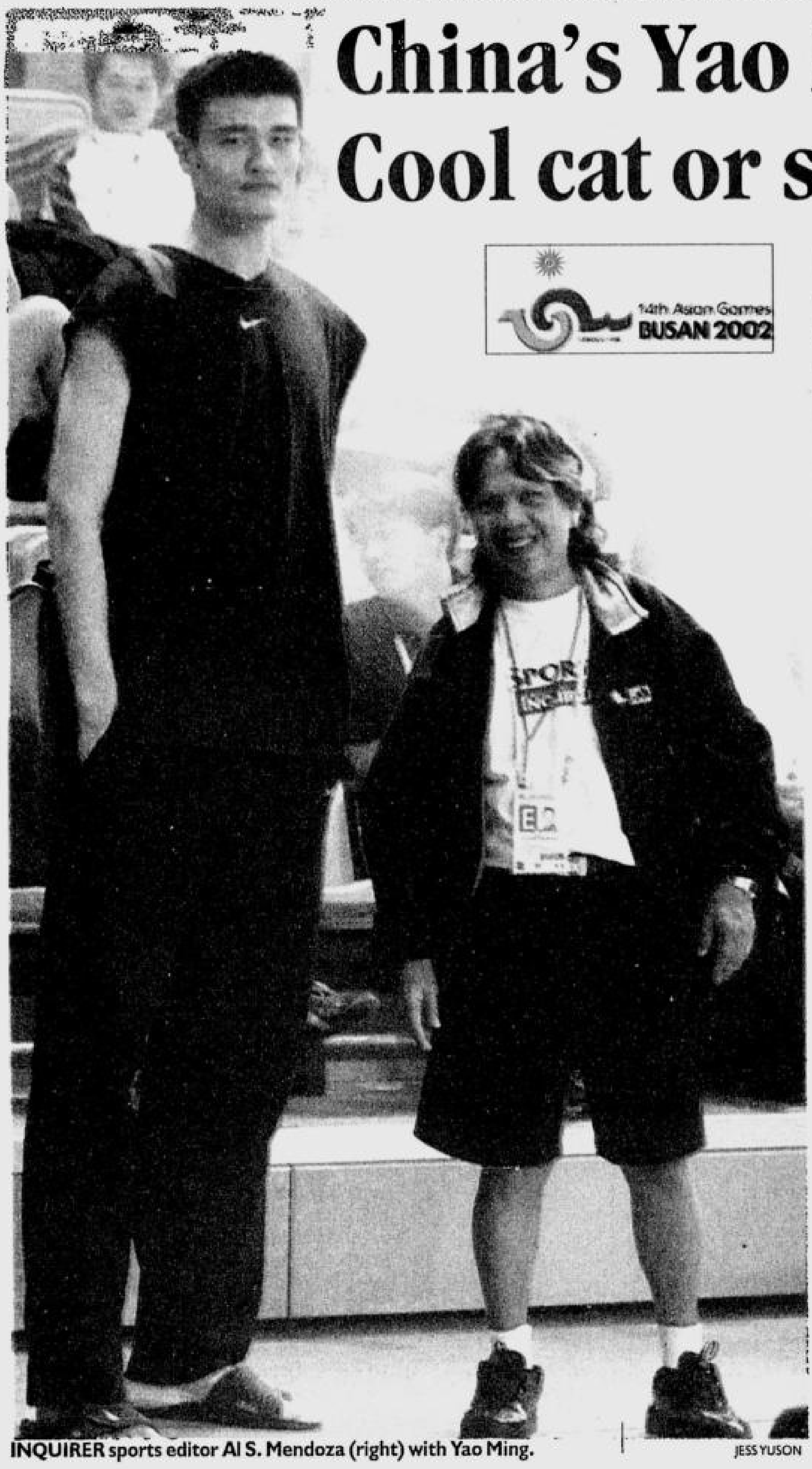
INQUIRER sports editor Al S. Mendoza (right) with Yao Ming. JESS YUSON

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Either he is not friendly at all or simply just moody.

That's how Yao Ming impresses many basketball fans here, including this writer.

The NBA's tallest player when the league's season opens next month, the 7-foot-5 Yao has made it a habit to watch the Filipinos at play. Not only him really but the entire Chinese basketball team, which is trying to defend the cage crown for the fifth straight Asiad after first winning it 1986 in Seoul.

The popularity of Yao, left to carry the brunt for China's title-retention bid after his fellow NBA player Wang Zhi Zhi was dropped from the squad, is rivaled only by North Korea's Ri Myong-hon, the Games' tallest athlete at 7-foot-9.

But Yao holds a slight advantage over Ri mainly because Yao is now an NBA player while Ri is not.

Ri, still North Korea's No. 1 center, blew away a chance to be an NBA player—but not of his own making, though.

Some years back, the pro-socialist North Korean government barred Ri from joining the NBA, depriving the behemoth with a mean hand from the charity line of a chance to earn a fortune that would sustain him for five lifetimes.

Ri is 35 years old now, weakened by a car crash in 1998. He would easily get fagged out and breathed through his mouth when soaked in a fastbreaking game.

Not Yao.

The twenty-or-something Yao is predicted to dominate in the coming NBA as he has the makings of a great center.

But some fans here have been turned off by Yao's seeming aloofness.

Many times, Yao refused to sign autographs. In fact, this writer saw him shoo away about 12 teeners asking for an autograph. One girl in ponytail he brushed aside almost cried.

But ironically, he would oblige to a photo session with a fan suddenly darting from nowhere. But when he did, he would maintain that stoic look.

Yao Ming, indeed, has remained an enigma.

adidas 14th Asian Games medal tally

ASIAN GAMES MEDAL STANDINGS

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
China	81	37	25	143
South Korea	28	30	39	97
Japan	26	35	33	94
Kazakhstan	8	5	10	23
N. Korea	6	8	9	23
Uzbekistan	3	6	6	15
Taiwan	3	5	12	20
Thailand	2	7	3	12
Malaysia	2	3	2	7
Hong Kong	2	2	6	10
Vietnam	2	1	2	5
Iran	1	2	8	11
Singapore	1	2	2	5
India	1	2	2	5
Philippines	1	1	5	7
Bahrain	1	0	0	1
Indonesia	0	4	3	7
Myanmar	0	3	2	5
Kyrgyzstan	0	2	2	4
Turkmenistan	0	2	1	3
Mongolia	0	1	8	9
Pakistan	0	1	4	5
United Arab Emirates	1	1	0	2
Tajikistan	0	1	0	1
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1

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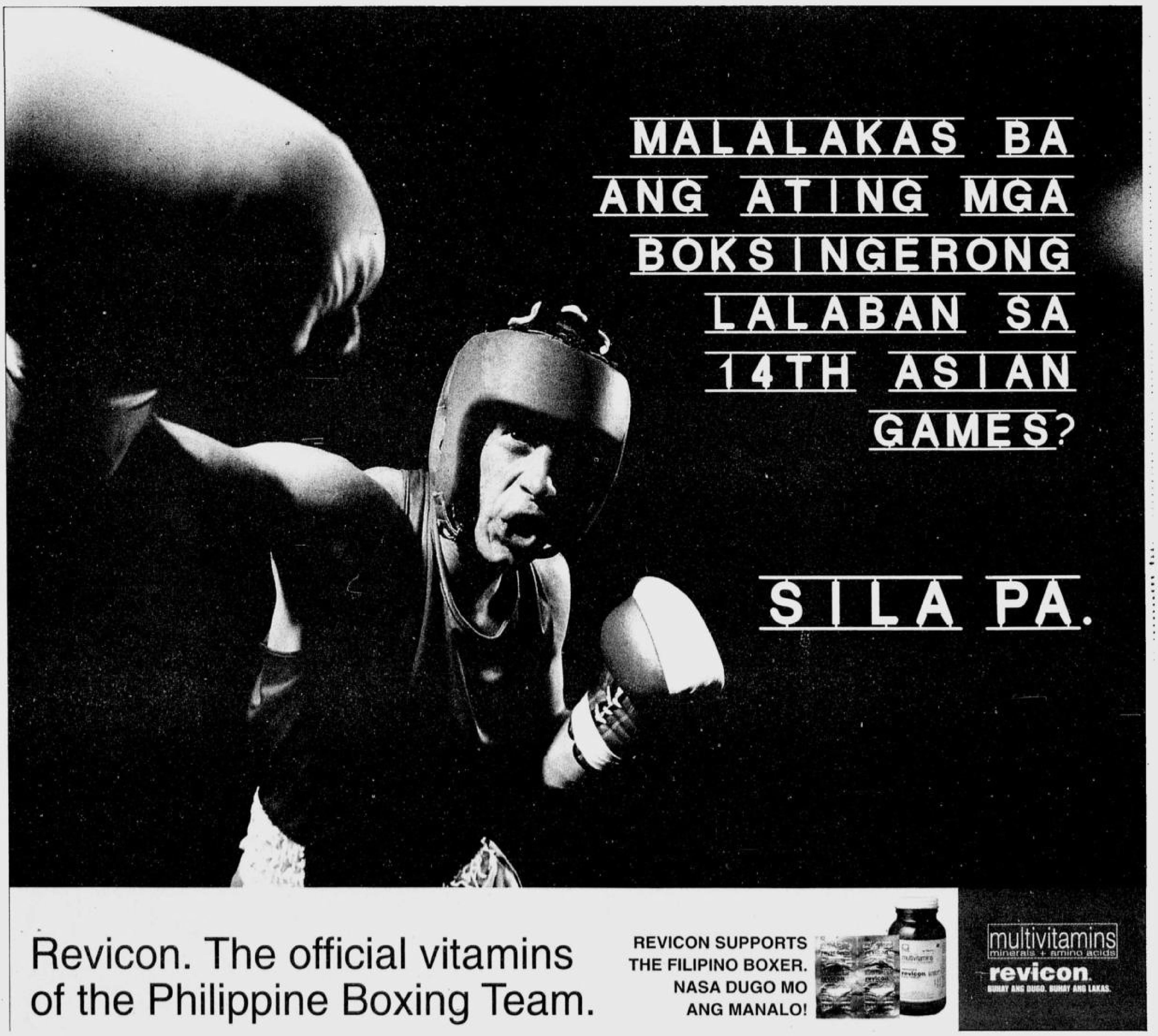

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ASIAN GAMES

Taiwan bet rips Kiamco in 9-ball tilt

By Roy Luarca

BUSAN, South Korea—It was Warren Kiamco's turn to be beaten by a Taiwanese last night as he settled for the silver medal in the 9-ball pool singles of the 14th Asian Games.

Yang Ching-Hsun started hot and stayed that way to frustrate the Filipino, 11-3, and give Chinese-Taipei its second gold in billiards at the Dongju College Gymnasium.

Unerring accuracy pushed Yang ahead at 6-2 from which Kiamco, feeling the strain of playing four matches since the morning failed to recover.

"Namalikmata na ako sa pagod. Noong 6-3 ang score at tirahin ko 'yong 7 dapat nakadikit pa ako doon," said the 31-year-old Kiamco, who hails from Cebu City.

Kiamco's defeat was another source of frustration for the Filipino cue masters as the Chinese appeared to have their number here. It was the second gold for the Taiwanese in billiards.

On the way to the final, Yang nipped another Filipino Antonio Lining, 11-0, while Kiamco's semifinal victim was South Korean Jeong Young-hwa, 11-8.

The Philippines suffered a double whammy as Lining also lost his battle for the bronze against Jeong, 11-5.

Thursday night, the celebrated Efren "Bata" Reyes suffered a surprising defeat from yet another Taiwanese Hsia-Hui-Kai and settled for the bronze in the 8-ball singles.

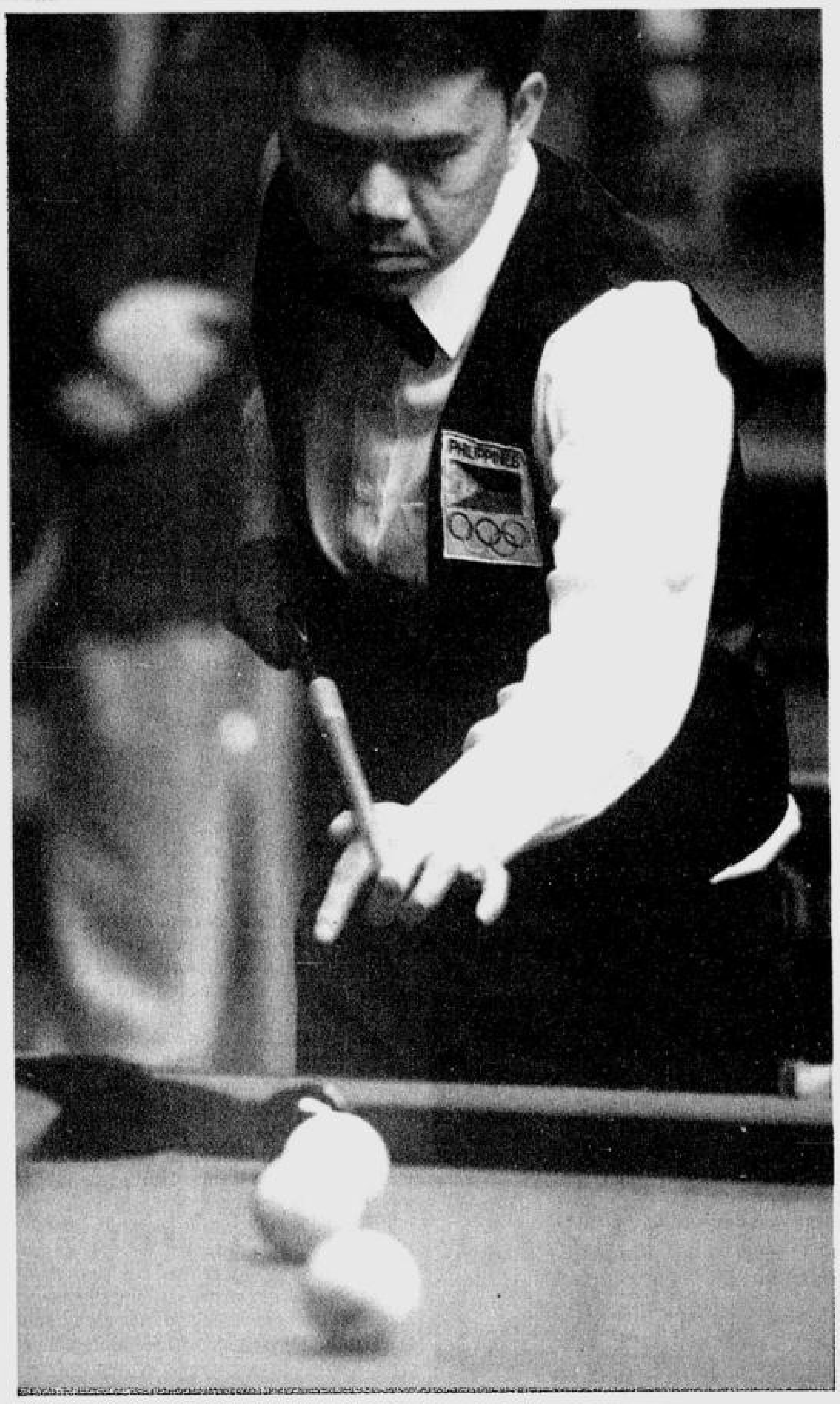
Reyes got back on track with a 50-34 victory over Chinese-Taipei's Yang Yao-Huei in the 3-cushion carom singles preliminary yesterday.

Django starts bid

BUSAN, South Korea—This is one shot Francisco "Django" Bustamante can't afford to miss.

Given only one event to take part in the 14th Asian Games, Bustamante intends to make the most out of it as he teams up with Antonio Lining in the 9-ball pool doubles of the billiard competitions at the Dongju College Gymnasium here.

Bustamante, the Philippine flagbearer during the opening ceremonies on Sept. 28, had said that he'd give all that he's got to secure an Asiad medal for the country. *RL*



KIAMCO prepares to make a shot against Yang.

JESS YUSON

China swamps Japan, sends message to RP

By Al S. Mendoza

BUSAN, South Korea—Powerhouse China swamped Japan, 104-59, yesterday then sent a message to the Philippine team that there's no way it can get the basketball gold medal.

This was stressed by the Chinese after routing the Japanese and set up a quarterfinal match for top spot on Tuesday with the Filipinos, who struggled past the same Japanese crew, 79-74.

China, the reigning champion, finished off Japan after only 10 minutes of play by taking a 33-10 lead. The Chinese were up 59-24 at halftime.

Realizing that beating China is next to impossible, the Filipinos are now training their sights on taking the silver by hopefully beating South Korea in the crossover semifinals.

Basketball

The meeting with the Koreans ensues with the projected quarterfinal victory by China over RP Tuesday.

As No. 2 in the quarterfinals, the Filipinos will be paired against the Koreans, who are expected to top the other quarterfinal group with the Chinese meeting in the other semifinal duel either North Korea or Kazakshstan which are playing as of press time.

A win over South Korea gives RP an automatic silver which should be enough consolation since China has been virtually unchallenged since reclaiming the gold in the 1986 Asiad in Seoul.

"Pinag handaan na namin ang Korea," said RP assistant coach Eric Altamirano Friday after the Filipinos beat Chinese Taipei by 14 points, 83-69.

Kiamco provides . . .

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coming back to even matters at 9-all.

Kiamco was the 1999 SEA Games champion, Asian champion and Canadian champion. He settled for the bronze last year in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games.

In boxing, Nolito Payla rallied in the last two rounds with rapid-fire punches on the head and body to out-slug his Uzbekistan opponent and assured himself of at least a bronze in his next fight.

As if the euphoria in bowling was enough to engulf the Philippine delegation, Lia Del Rosario, Liza Clutario and Ces Yap ranked second in the women's trios, while John Christian Suarez, Chester King and Leonardo Rey Jr. checked in fourth.

The twin threesomes are trying to duplicate the gold-medal finish on Friday night by veteran Paeng Nepomuceno and RJ Bautista in the men's doubles for the country's first ever gold medal in this year's games.

The final three-game block for both events will be played today and the Philippine officials led by bowling president Steve Hontiveros are praying hard that they score a second gold medal in bowling.

Manny Lopez, president of the Amateur Boxing of the Philippines described Payla's victory a good sign "that the country will score big in boxing this time."

Filipino boxers were shut out in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad after winning three gold medals in the 1994 Hiroshima Asiad.

There was no significant movement from the other fronts as Filipinos struggled against strong opposition in this year's 14th edition of the Games that attracted 44 nations.

Bemedalled Tac Padilla was in 21st place with 281 after he first day of the 25m rapid fire event, and swimmers Jenny Guerrero and Lizza Danila were ousted in the 400m individual medley and 800, freestyle respectively.

Guerrero and Danila next finished sixth in the 4X100m relay in the company of Heidi Ong and Luica Dacanay with the time of 4:25.12, almost 25 seconds away from the winners from China.

Winifredo del Leon Jr. and Richmond Paguyo were eliminated in soft tennis while the baseball team, criticized back home for being sent here due to its untested capabilities, absorbed its third straight setback.

It lost to Chinese-Taipei, 4-2, after losing to Japan, 12-0, and South Korea, 15-0.

Ignoring the setbacks from disciplines where the Filipinos are not really considered real contenders, Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit trained his sight on Kiamco.

"It's a good sign," said Dayrit of Kiamco's victory. "Our athletes are fast proving that they can compete with Asia's best."

2002 Busan Asian Games
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Partying, not missing

BUSAN, South Korea–Eight Nepalese Asian Games athletes who had been reported missing have been found–partying at a popular Busan beach.

The Nepalese team had reported them missing Thursday, but South Korean police found them Friday at Haeundae beach, site of the beach volleyball competition, said Ramesh Khanal, a team official.

"We are hoping they will come back and apologize," Khanal said Saturday. "We are keeping our fingers crossed."

The athletes, originally scheduled to return home Friday, had asked for an extended stay. But they left the Games Village without waiting for a decision from team officials, Khanal said.

Khanal said police cannot force a return to the team by the athletes, who are accredited for the games until the end of the month. The games end Oct. 14.

"But if they don't come back by the 14th, we will ask the authorities to bring them in," Khanal said.

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Competitors at the Asian Games are being offered several diversions if they want to escape the Athletes Village–tours to a noodle factory, a car assembly plant or a heavy equipment company. The noodle tour takes in the Nong Shim food factory in Busan, where various noodle cup snacks called ramyeon as well as potato chips, onion rings and other snacks are manufactured for export to 70 countries. The auto plant tour takes in Hyundai's passenger and sport-utility vehicle plant in nearby Ulsan, one of the largest automotive factories in South Korea. The third tour visits a large factory where ships, cranes, tractors and other heavy equipment are made, also in Ulsan.

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Leander Paes, who has provided India with one of its Olympic Games highlights, has decided not to play in singles tennis at the Asian Games. Paes will instead concentrate on doubles with partner Mahesh Bhupathi in hopes the former world No. 1-ranked team can win gold for India.

Paes won the bronze medal in singles at the 1996 Olympics, losing to Andre Agassi in the semifinals. It was the first individual medal by an Indian competitor at the Olympics since 1952.

India's field hockey team has provided most of the country's Olympic highlights, winning eight gold, one silver and two bronze.

But since India gained independence from Britain in 1947, there have been only three individual medals — all bronze: wrestler K. Jadhav in 1952, Paes in 1996 and female weightlifter Karnam Malleswari in 2000.

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Angels, A's need 1 more victories

ANAHEIM, California–The California Angels have been coming back all season and they did it again in Game Three of their AL Division series against the Yankees on Friday, rebounding from a 6-1 deficit to down New York, 9-6.

Darin Erstad's eighth-inning double down the right-field line right plated Adam Kennedy with the go-ahead run and then a Tim Salmon blast to left scored two more.

Anaheim needs just one more victory on Saturday to wrap up the best-of-five series.

Earlier, a record crowd of 55,932 at the Metrodome went home disappointed as the Oakland Athletics, helped by four solo home runs, defeated the Minnesota Twins, 6-3, to take a 2-1 lead in their series.

Like the Angels, Oakland will be hoping to wrap up the series in Game Four at the Metrodome on Saturday.

The Angels had a dreadful start to the season and followed that form on Friday when they surrendered three first-inning runs. *Reuters*

Jazz get Jackson

SALT LAKE CITY–The oldest team in the NBA a little older on Wednesday as the Utah Jazz signed 15-year veteran Mark Jackson to one-year contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Jackson spent last season with New York Knicks but was traded to the Denver Nuggets on draft day. He worked out a deal with the Nuggets that allowed him to become a free agent and landed a job as John Stockton's backup.

The 37-year-old Jackson joins future Hall of Famers Stockton and Karl Malone, who will both return to the Jazz for at least one more season. Stockton will turn 41 in March and Malone is 39. *AFP*

24 Days to NBA opening on Oct. 30. Did you know that Utah's John Stockton holds the record for most assists in a single NBA Playoffs game with 24? Stockton, who is entering his 19th season in the NBA, shares the recod with Magic Johnson.

SPORTSWATCH

Asian Xtour lures record field

ESPN's 2002 Asian Xtour set a record high of 494 participants for Junior X and Main X competitions, higher than the 437 participants during its inaugural staging last year. Leading the pack are the skateboard participants with 275, followed by BMX Stunt/ Course with 146, BMX Stunt, Flatland and Aggressive Inline Skate with 40 and 33 participants, respectively. Of the 437 participants in last year's event, the highest turnout was for Bicycle Stunt with 187 followed closely by Skateboard with 178. The rise in the number of skateboard participants comes at the heels of Filipino action sport athlete Anseim Castaneda clinching the bronze medal in the Asian X Games IV in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "This indicates the ever improving level of skill and interest of local skateboarders as well as in the other disciplines of Bicyle Stunt and Aggressive Inline Skate," said Bill Cooper, client services director of ESPN Star Sports.

Grapescapade Games slated Oct. 27

THE CALIFORNIA Grapescapade Adventure Games fires off Oct. 27, from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the University of the Philippines Sunken Garden at the Diliman Campus. Two categories—the Family Category (maximum of four members who are blood-related and between 12 and 55 years old) and the Elite Category (composed of three individuals between 18 and 55 years old)— will be constested in the event, a brainchild of Synergy Asia. For inquiries, call the California Grapescapade Adventure Games Hotline number 444-2361 or E-mail at grapescapade@lycos.com. The event was launched recently with event coordinator Cynthia Plana, organizer Tom Canchela, Synergy Asia managing director Mandy Saracho, Synergy Asia director for operations Evelyn Mercurio and event Coordinator-Nanet dela Cruz in attendance.

Duval, Mayfair pace 2nd round

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia— Billy Mayfair didn't have a 5 on his scorecard in a bogey-free, 8-under 63 and grabbed a share of the second-round lead in the Michelob Championship with up-and-down David Duval. Duval shot a 69 Friday, but he started with two bogeys and added two more to get to 9-under 133. First-round co-leader Hidemichi Tanaka also struggled and was one shot back after capping his 70 with a birdie. Loren Roberts, Corey Pavin and Charles Howell III were among a group of six at 135. Roberts shot a bogey-free 69 that ended with 11 consecutive pars, Pavin had a three-bogey 69 and Howell had seven birdies in a 65. ***AP***

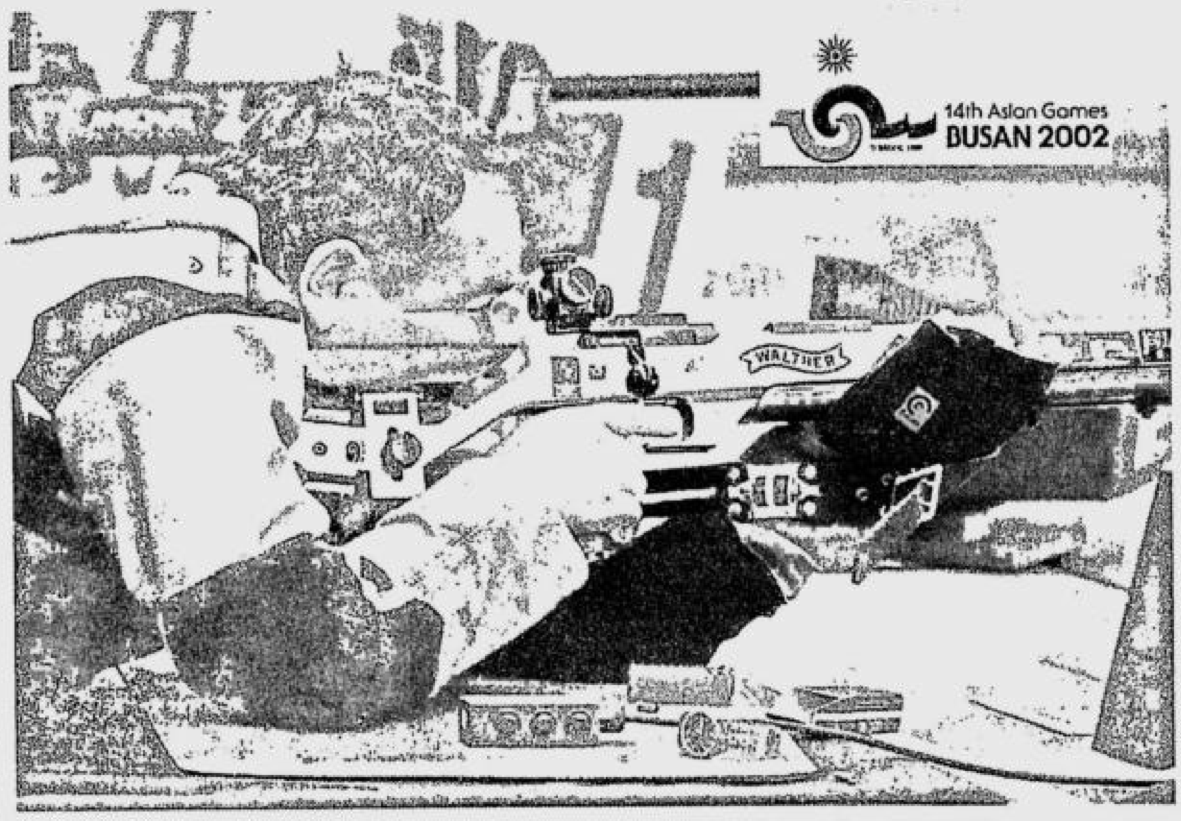
Kerr sets record, leads field

VALLEJO, California—Cristie Kerr grabbed the lead with a record-setting performance Friday, but had just a one-stroke lead over Swedish superstar Annika Sorenstam midway through the Samsung World Championship. Seeking her second victory during a season full of distractions, Kerr shot a course-record 8-under-par 64 that included two eagles, seven birdies and three bogeys at Hiddenbrooke Golf Club. "It's tough to shoot a course record with three bogeys," said Kerr, who came within a shot of her career-low round. Even after matching her lowest 18-hole score of the season, Kerr's two-round total of 12-under 132 is just slightly better than Sorenstam, whose goals include winning the remaining six events on the LPGA Tour schedule. Defending champion Dorothy Delasin had another 72 and was 10 shots off the pace at 144. ***AFP***

ASIAD ROUNDUP

S. Korea catches up with Japan

By Phil Brown
AP Writer



BELYAEV in action during the 50m rifle prone men final yesterday. He won the gold medal. AFP

BUSAN—Cho Wang-bung and Han Dong-ki showed off their muscles and collected Asian Games gold medals Saturday, helping South Korea overtake Japan for second place behind runaway leader China.

The two Koreans, in the 60- and 70-kilogram divisions, were the first winners in bodybuilding, making its games debut. Vietnam's Duc Ly and Bahrain's Tariq Alfarsani won later at 80 and 90 kilograms, giving Bahrain its first gold of these games.

Indonesia also won its first gold here, beating Japan 2-1 in women's team tennis when Wynne Adiati Prakusya and Angelique Widjaja defeated Saori Obata and Miho Saeki 6-4, 6-0 in the deciding doubles.

Shooters gave host South Korea three golds and gymnasts added one, lifting its total to 28—ahead of Japan's 26 but far behind China's 81.

China's big haul for the day was six golds in gymnastics.

Japan gained one gold from gymnastics and one when cyclists Yuichiro Kamiyama, Harutomo Watanabe and Takashi Kaneko won the men's team sprint in 1 minute, 00.927 seconds. South Korea won silver in 1:01.846.

Meanwhile, Japan advanced to the gold medal game in softball by trouncing Taiwan 10-0 in a game shortened to six innings because of the 10-run margin. It now awaits the winner of a game between Taiwan and China, an 8-1 winner over North Korea on Saturday.

Neither Japan nor South Korea expects to catch China in the overall medals race, but the contest for second is intense. In the 1998 games, the Koreans beat Japan with 65 golds to 52 behind China's 129.

China beat South Korea for the team gold medal in men's table tennis, after North Korea upset the Chinese for the women's team gold Friday night. China has won 13 world championships in women's team play.

It added one gold each in billiards, cycling and shooting.

In shooting, after winning 17 of the first 20 gold medals, China slowed its pace. It won in women's double trap team shooting, while Kazakstan's Sergey Belyaev beat Turkmenistan's Igor Pirekeev 10.7-10.4 in a shootoff for the gold in the men's 50-meter prone rifle event.

RP SKED IN BUSAN

Oct. 6, 2002 (Korea time, 1 hour ahead of RP time)

Archery 9:30 a.m.to 12 noon—R. Cabral, J. Chan, P. Marino, J. Tabanag, women's 70m, 60m (prelim); 2 to 4:30 p.m.—M. Cordero, C. Cubilla, F. Matan, A. Rojas, 90m, 70m (prelim)
Baseball 2 p.m.—RP vs China
Basketball Quarterfinal round (Depending on RP team results in prelim round)
Billiards 10 a.m.—F. Bustamante/A. Lining, 9-ball pooll doubles (pre-qrtrfinal); R. Grandea, E. Reyes, 3-cushion carom singles (pre-qrtrfinal);1 p.m.—9-ball pool doubles (pre-qrtrfinal), 3-cushion carom singles (pre-qrtrfinal);4 p.m.—9-ball pool doubles (qrtrfinal), 3-cushion carom singles (pre-qrtrfinal); 7 p.m.—3-cushion carom singles (pre-qrtrfinal)
Bowling 9 to 11:30 a.m.—L. del Rosario, C. Yap, L. Clutario, I. Garcia-Benitez, J. Canare, K. Lopez, women's trios (second 3-game block)
Boxing 2 p.m.—All events (qrtrfinals, no draw yet)
Cycling 1:40 to 2 p..m.—B. Dimacali, sprint (1/4 final, first) 2:10 to 2:15 p.m.—sprint (9th to 12th) 2:15 to 2:35 p.m.—sprint (1/4 final, second) 2:45 to 3 p.m.—sprint (1/4 final, third)
Golf 9 a.m.—J. Deliarte, M. Dizon, J. Pagunsan, A. Que, team/individual (4th round, final)10:30 a.m.—H. Chua, R. Quiazon, C. Villaroman, team/individual (4th round, final)
Sailing11 a.m.—R. Balladares, R. Chavez, J. Villena, L. Taroja, all classes, men/women, (7th, 8th races)
Shooting 9 to 11:15 a.m.—R. Luis, women's 50m rifle pistol, 3 positions 9 a.m.—N. Padilla, 25m rapid fire pistol (2nd day)
1 p.m.—25m rapid fire pistol (finals) 2 p.m.—Women's 50m rifle 3 positions (finals)
Softball 10 a.m.—Finals (depending on RP team's results in previous rounds) 2 p.m.—Grand finals (depending on RP team's results in previous rounds)
Soft Tennis 9 a.m.—W. de Leon Jr., R. Paguyo, P. Bantay, J. Paguyo. mixed doubles.

Alta Vista takes lead in Sta. Lucia Golf Tour

DAVAO—Alta Vista served notice of its championship potential by taking the lead in two of the three divisions in the opening round Friday of the third Sta. Lucia Golf Tour at the all-weather Rancho Palos Verdes course in Mandug, Indangan here.

The margins were slim though.

Dennis Canoy and Ramontito Garcia fired 51 and 50 points, respectively, to lead the assault for Alta Vista 1 which opened up a two-point lead over a rock-solid Palos Verdes 1 in Group 1 of the three-division team play with a best-three tally of 148 points. Carl almario was the third scorer with his 46.

Palos Verdes was dangerously close at 146 built around a day-best 53 equivalent to one-over-par in medal play by Marcelino Tibor and a 52 by Paul Larrabaster. Two-time champion Dan Salvador III could only score 49 and his Orchard team was in third at 138.

Alta Vista 6 got scores from Jufil Sato (44), Felix Villanueva (44) and Eduardo Manzano (36) for 124 and a three-point lead over Eagle Ridge 2 and a five-point spread over Palos Verdes 3.

Two Eagle Ridge teams found themselves tied at 111 in Group III of the event backed by TaylorMade, Unirock Corp. and Readycon as major sponsors.

Other backers are Philippine Airlines as the official airline, Kodak, Kubota, Gainers Marketing, Cebu Pacific and Omega. Hole-in-one sponsors are Jieda Motors Philippines and Yamaha. Hyatt Regency (Manila), Cebu Plaza Hotel (Visayas) and Marco Polo (Mindanao) are the official hotels.

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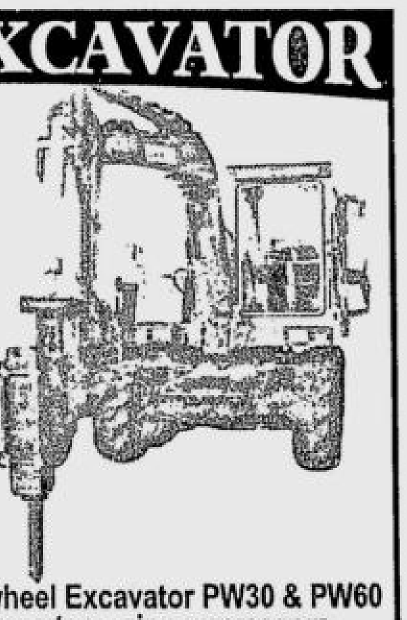

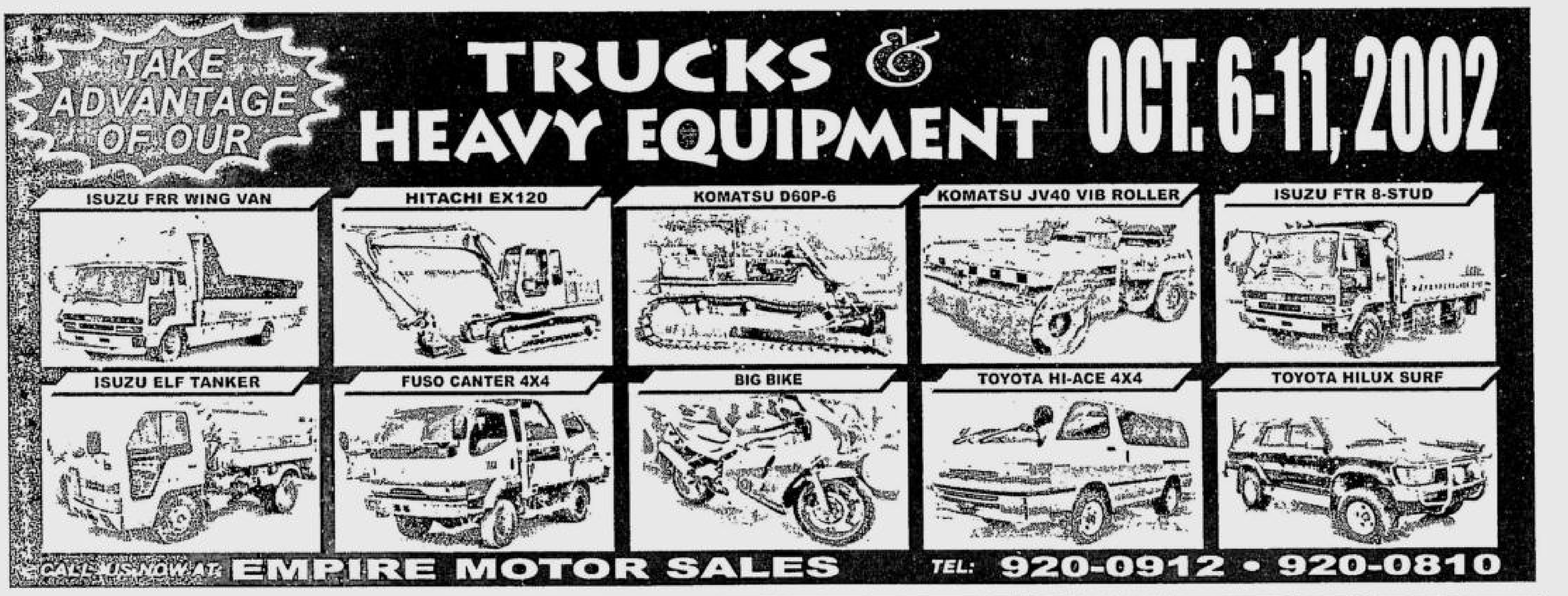

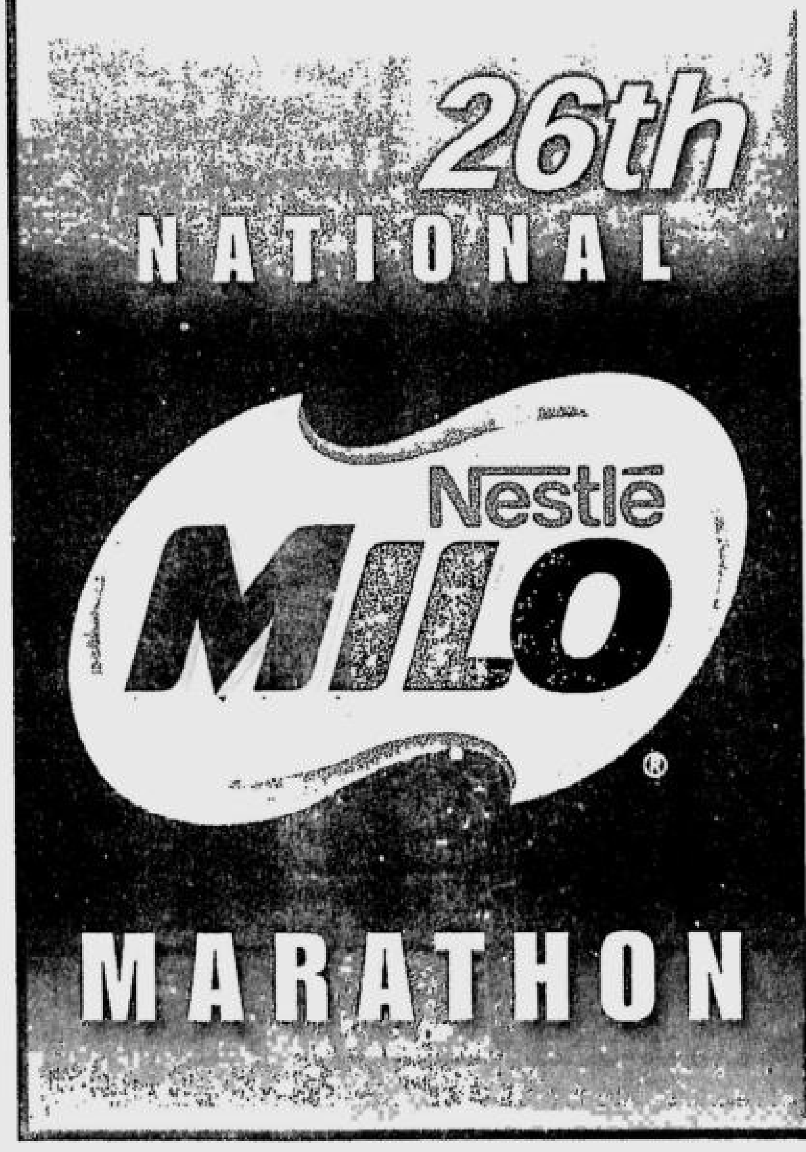

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■ Court orders Manila Bay cleanup /A30

METRO

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'Power transfer needs law'

PIMENTEL

By Cynthia D. Balana and Leila B. Salaverria

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo cannot just transfer police control to Metro Manila mayors through an executive issuance because it must be done by law, according to Sen. Aquilino Pimentel.

The opposition senator said this yesterday during the 11th year meeting on the Local Government Code in Cebu City.

In Manila, Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina said the President's memorandum order would strengthen the powers of the mayors "within the bounds of the laws."

Pimentel, principal author of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code, said it would be legally impossible to grant the mayors effective or real control over the police unless Congress amends the Philippine National Police Law.

The President had issued Memorandum Order No. 77 directing the National Police Commission (Napolcom) to ensure that the mayors of the 17 cities and towns of Metro Manila would exercise operational supervision and control over the local police.

"While I personally favor the intent of the presidential order, we have to respect the law," Pimentel said.

He said it was clear that the transfer of operational control over the police to the Metro Manila mayors was not automatic but subject to an implementing order of the Napolcom.

He said the memorandum did not grant to the mayors administrative control and supervision over the police, or even authority to hire and fire, which they have been asking for these past many years.

"What the mayors want is substantial and not superficial control and supervision over the police," Pimentel stressed.

POWER/ A30

LOVER AND LOVED ONES. Rossanna Balderama with dressed-up Peaches and another friend. MARLET SALAZAR

■ Animals as humans /A30

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Court orders Manila Bay cleanup

THE IMUS Regional Trial Court of Imus Branch 20 of Cavite province last Friday issued a historic judgment ordering 12 government agencies to clean up Manila Bay.

Executive Judge Lucenito Tagle directed the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to be the lead agency in preparing "a consolidated and coordinated action plan for the restoration of Manila Bay to make it fit for swimming and other forms of contact recreation."

In January 1999, residents around Manila Bay, represented by environmental law students of the University of the Philippines, filed an unprecedented class action suit against the government. Using an antiquated and little-known law requiring "concerned government agencies to clean up a polluted body of water," the law students sought to legally force the government to restore the Manila Bay to its former swimmable condition.

Named defendants were the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, the departments of environment, public works, agriculture, budget, health, and education, the Metro Manila Development Authority, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Police Maritime Group, and the Philippine Ports Authority.

Tony Oposa, an architect and the group's lead counsel, commended the court for the extraordinary ruling: "It is no doubt the first legal action of its kind in the Philippines and probably in the world, where a court ordered a dozen government agencies to undertake a coordinated cleanup campaign for a body of water."

The court also ordered the Department of Budget to set aside funds for the cleanup and the Department of Education to undertake environmental education.

"Realistically, however, this is only the first step in a very, very, long journey," Oposa said. "However, with this judgment, we can now legally force present and future department secretaries to comply with the judgment under pain of contempt. And believe me, we will not hesitate to cite them in criminal contempt of court."

During trial, it was proved that while the standard for fecal coliform (bacteria from feces) for a swimmable body of water is only 200 units, the waters of Manila Bay contain as much as 100,000 units. The complainants, led by Divina Ilas and Haig Bobis, who have since become lawyers, assisted a battery of lawyers, including Oposa, maritime lawyer Beda Fajardo, and litigation lawyers Florinda Andres and Sigfrid Fortun.

The defendant government agencies are expected to appeal the ruling before the Supreme Court.

"While the government will be within its rights to do so," the plaintiffs said, "we hope that they would not, for this would only delay the long-overdue clean up of Manila Bay."

They also thanked other people and groups who expressed moral support for them, including the Rotary Club of Manila, the Washington DC-based Center for International Environmental Law, the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, the UP Los Banos School of Environmental Sciences, and others.

Treating animals as members of the family

TALES OF THE CITY

By Marlet D. Salazar

ROSANNA F. Balderama's love for animals can be traced to her grandparents and her mother.

Balderama grew up in a house her family shares with dogs, cats, hens, ducks, even maya birds. Balderama says she is a cat person herself.

"They are a source of joy for us," she says of the family's animals, "that's why we treat them as humans, as one of us."

Her mother, she says, has only unconditional love for the animals they take into their home.

"My mom is the real animal lover," she says. "I consider her a living saint of animals."

She says her mom feeds the family cats with only nutritious food bought from pet stores. She tirelessly makes a sandwich spread with "wet" cat food for the eight house cats as well as the 12 strays that hang out on their roof.

The Balderamas, in their busy community in Marikina, are known to pick up stray kittens in the streets. People have been known to leave kittens on their doorstep.

"We do not mind giving a home to those animals," Balderama says. "However, I just wish there will be more responsible pet owners out there."

She remembers that when she was in grade school, her mom would ask her to feed the cats that her mom kept in the school, of which she was the principal.

"I grew up being her runner," Balderama says.

In their backyard are a duck and a rooster that have been with them for years. The fowls are not to be cooked for special occasions but are also treated as pets. A small house has been built for them although the duck and the rooster can mingle with the other Balderama pets.

Her mother also feeds the mayas that alight on their fences twice a day. "My mom gathers breadcrumbs to feed about 50 birds, morning and afternoon," she says.

The Balderamas also have the company of four dogs who roam the house freely.

"My mother doesn't want to put them on a leash," Balderama says. "They mingle with us humans, and are also treated as humans."

Last New Year's Eve, Balderama picked a frightened, skinny pup from a dog pound. That puppy had touched many people's lives after she was featured in the INQUIRER (Dec. 27, 2001). It is now a full-grown dog, Peaches, and is the biggest among the canine lot in the household.

"It was love at first sight for Peaches and my mom," Balderama says.

Her mother was hesitant at first about taking in Peaches because of a sad incident in the past. When their dachshund gave birth, four puppies died of distemper. It was one of the most difficult times in the family and even their long-time helper was deeply affected.

But Peaches proved to be a sweetheart to the Balderamas as well as to the other animals.

"Mother would ask our dress maker to create costumes for the dogs and cats," Balderama says with a giggle. Peaches now wears a shawl.

Balderama is unhappy that many Filipinos still do not care for the animals in the streets and in dog pounds. "We still have a long way to go in upholding the rights of animals," she says. She is glad, however, that there are organizations that try to stir people's awareness.

"Animals have feelings, even when they can't speak our language," she says. "They can feel when I'm sad. They give us humans their unconditional love and companionship."

METROBRIEFS

Run over in QC

SPO4 Isaias Castillo, 62 was killed when a speeding van ran over him while he was pursuing a suspected snatcher yesterday in Quezon City. Castillo, detailed with the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit, died while undergoing treatment at the East Avenue Medical Center. According to SPO1 Marcelo Sabado, Castillo was on his way to Camp Karingal when he spotted a suspicious-looking man on Commonwealth Avenue at around 1 a.m. When the man made a run for it, Castillo gave chase and crossed the broad avenue. But the lawman did not see the speeding L-300 van that hit him head on. The van driver quickly sped away after hitting Castillo, police said. Castillo's remain now lie in Camp Karingal. Police officials are set to honor him.

Tina Santos

Killed in Malate

AMERICAN Wily Pelton Lanson was gunned down in Malate Friday night. Witnesses said they saw Lanson, 53, of Olongapo City, clutching his chest as he staggered in front of the Victoria Court motel on Adriatico. Pedicab driver Rogelio Escote chanced upon the victim and took him to the Ospital ng Manila where he died. Probers believe Lanson was a victim of a robbery. ***Alcuin Papa***

Hacked in Galas

BERNARDO Almeira, 34, of Galas, Quezon City was hacked to death by two men with a grudge. Police said Jigs Gonzales, of Blumentritt, Manila, and an unidentifed man ganged up on Almeira when the victim tried to talk to the suspects to clear the air on Batong Buhay Street, Galas about 11:15 p.m. Thursday. According to a Central Police District report, the victim spotted Gonzales talking to his neighbors and approached him, hoping to settle their differences. But this only provoked Gonzales, who engaged the victim in a shouting match. According to the report, the suspect lost his temper, drew his bolo and attacked Almeira. The other suspect also pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim. ***Alcuin Papa***

Shot in Caloocan

RECASIO de Torres, 64, was gunned down when he refused to give the day's earning to a group of jeepney robbers in Caloocan City Thursday night. Police said de Torres, of Tinajeros, Malabon, was helping his son Celestino, 34, earn a living when the four robbers boarded his son's jeepney in Sangandaan, Caloocan. On reaching M.H. del Pilar Street in Tugatog, Malabon, the four men drew their guns, announced the heist, and took the cash, cell phones and jewelry of the passengers. But when they asked for the jeepney driver's earnings, De Torres refused, prompting one of them to shoot him. ***Tina Santos***

Ayala preserves and protects old trees

IN THIS rare spot of Quezon City which has successfully defied congestion, thousands of trees will continue to purify the air, with a few hundred new trees thrown in for extra measure.

Great pains are being exerted to keep the trees which were formerly part of the Capitol Hills Golf Course in Old Balara, Quezon City. Ayala Land Inc. will develop part of the golf course, with views of the Montalban range in some spots, into a premiere residential subdivision called Ayala Hillside Estates. The other portion will be transformed into a newer, more interesting golf course for Capitol Hills members.

In both projects, mature mahoganies and bauhinias are being relocated with great care and considerable time and effort and new ones are being planted alongside them.

According to Ayala Hillside Estates project head Thomas Mirasol, a major landscaping program will ensure that this lush pocket of Quezon City, where nature symphonies are still heard, will remain a green reserve. Some of the trees are at least 40 years old and have crowns that spread 10 meters.

"Amenities like these are almost impossible to replicate and therefore priceless," Mirasol says.

Trees to be relocated are at least five years of age. To ensure a god survival rate, the extent of a tree's root system is first determined, Mirasol explains. This is done by measuring the circumference of the tree trunk and then multiplying that number by 10. The product indicates half the diameter of the circle which will be dug up around the tree to ensure the integrity and well-being of its roots.

MATURE trees like the lush one above are being relocated to Ayala Land's project in Tandang Sora, Quezon City with the careful use of human strength and machines (below).

After workers painstakingly dig around a tree, they extract the ball of soil held together by the root system, making sure the ball remains intact. The ball of soil is covered and tied up. Backhoes and other heavy machinery then transport the trees to their preferred location.

In some instances, the company does not hesitate to bring in full-grown trees to enhance a development, as it recently did at the newly refurbished Greenbelt complex in Makati.

Foresters from the University of the Philippines at Los Banos are being consulted about the relocation of the trees at the Ayala Hillside Estates.

Mirasol says lot buyers tend to work their plans around the greenery. "It will not be unusual to see a home built around a stately tree," he says. "We've seen this happen in Ayala Alabang, in Dasmariñas Village and, before that, Forbes Park." These residential areas were also developed by Ayala Land.

In the golf course to be developed for Capitol Hills Golf Club, which will be independent from Ayala Hillside Estates, most of the trees will hardly be touched. Officials of the IMG, developers of the course, say every effort has been exerted to save the healthy trees.

'Power transfer needs law'

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That power was not provided for under the PNP Law, he said.

Pimentel has been pressing for the approval of a long-overdue bill that would give local chief executives both administrative and operational control over police forces assigned to their localities.

The bill, which he sponsored, had been approved by the Senate in the 11th Congress but remained stuck in the House of Representatives.

"If we really want the mayors to exercise control over the police, there is no substitute to an amendatory law to the PNP Act," Pimentel said.

Lina said: "Basically, (Memorandum Order No. 77 will ensure) the strict implementation of the laws we have in place, which have not been fully implemented in the past.

"Likewise, the memorandum order will strengthen the powers of the mayors within the bounds of the laws," Lina added.

He said it has always been the duty of mayors to ensure the security of their areas, although they have complained that their limited power over the police has delayed them in fulfilling this duty.

"That's already under the law," Lina said. "That's really their job."

Pasay Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad, spokesperson of the Metro Manila Mayors' League, said the President's memorandum order is a "very welcome development."

"We haven't read the order, but we are very happy with the the President's announcement," Trinidad said.

Asked about not having the power to directly hire and fire local police officers, Trinidad said:

"I understand there are limitations."

Lina said the Napolcom, which he also chairs, will issue a resolution next week detailing the rules and regulations that will guarantee the mayors' empowerment.

"All rules and regulations will be in consonance with RA 6975," he said.

He said that with the President having issued the order, the rules on the selection of the chiefs of police must be strictly followed. This means the mayor will have a say in choosing the local chiefs of police, he explained.

The mayors would also be informed on the hiring of new personnel, he added.

"Strictly no applicant from the local government area will be accepted into the police force without the recommendation of the mayor," Lina said.

As for the dismissal of erring police officers, he said the decision of the People's Law Enforcement Board is executory, even if the decision is on appeal. The PLEB, a creation of the local government unit, hears and tries citizens' complaints against erring police officers.

"When the PLEB's decision is dismissal or demotion in rank, it should be executory," he said. "While the policeman is entitled to appeal, the (PLEB's) decision will still be implemented. When the appeal is resolved in favor of the policeman, then he will be reinstated and given back wages."

Did you witness this motorcyle accident?

THE FAMILY of Dexter Ledesma, 34, who was killed in a motorcycle mishap on the South Expressway, is still looking for witnesses to the accident.

Ledesma was traveling on the north bound lane of the expressway between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 2 and was about 500 to 700 meters past the Mapagong overpass when he was killed. Witnesses or anyone who has information on the accident may call tel. no. 853-0439, 373-7236 or cell phone number 0917-982-3566.

MMDA tries to eliminate pocket floods

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE METRO Manila Development Authority is hoping to eliminate pocket flooding in metropolitan streets following sudden, heavy downpours.

According to MMDA Deputy Chair Cesar Lacuna, pocket flooding happens after heavy rainfall because there is simply no outlet for the rainwater that accumulate in the streets. He said tons of garbage have clogged up most inlets and manholes in Metro Manila streets.

"Pocket flooding is a major cause of traffic jams," Lacuna said in an interview. "It occurs because of clogged inlets, not because there is too much water in the streets. It happens because of negligence."

He said citizens can do their part in solving the flood problem by disposing of their garbage properly.

Lacuna added that the cleaning of the choked waterways is an immediate response to the flood problem.

Along with pocket flooding, the MMDA is also taking measures to eliminate perennial flooding.

Lacuna said some of the drainage systems of Metro Manila are too small to accommodate the amount of rainfall in the metropolis.

"Most of these drainages need rehabilitation," he said.

At present, the MMDA needs heavy equipment to remove the garbage that has accumulated in the waterways.

He said the cleaning of garbage from the waterways and drainage must be continuous, because garbage keeps on piling up despite the cleaning.

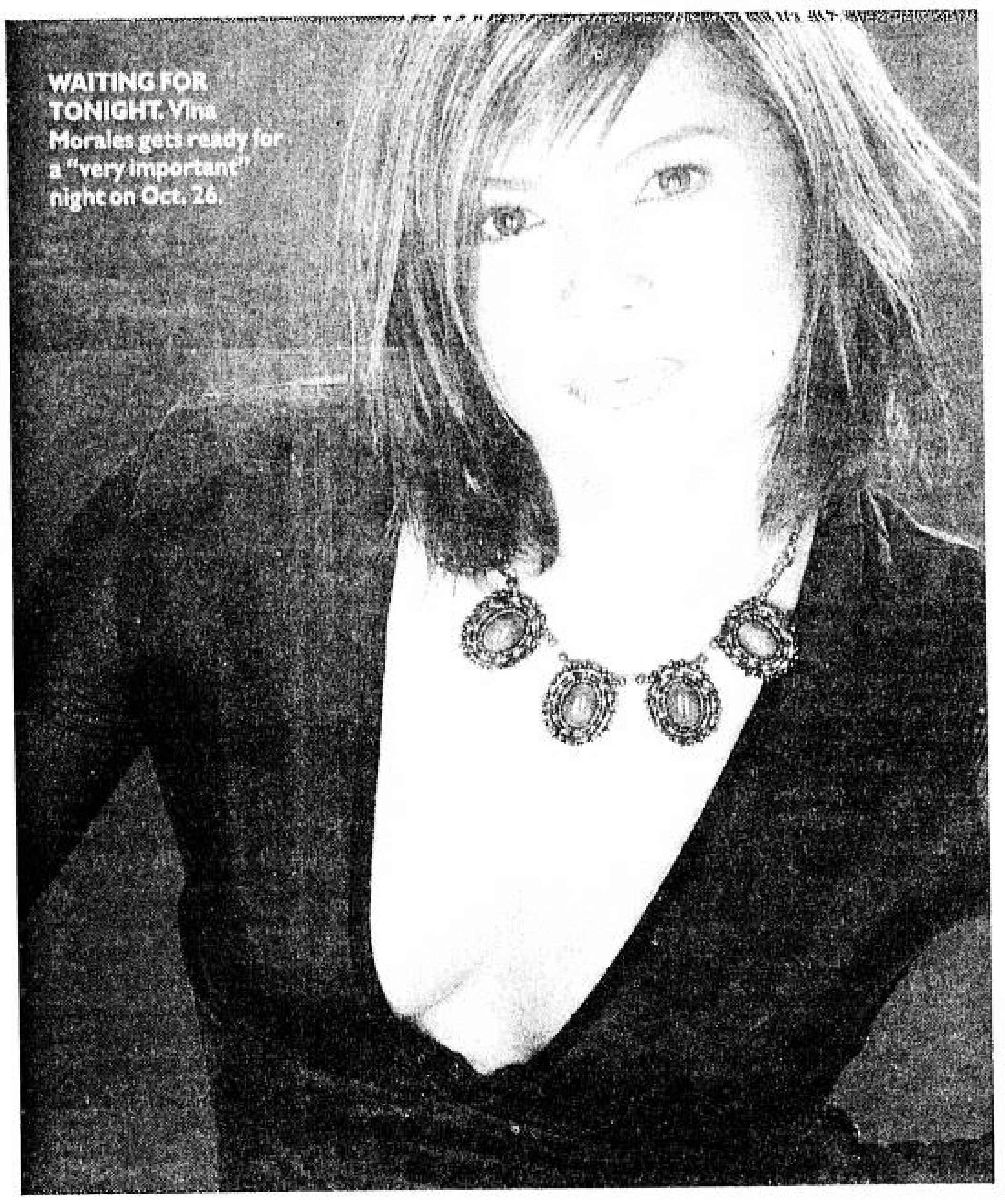
The task of solving the Metro Manila's flood problem has recently been transferred to the MMDA from the Department of Public Works and Highways. The DPWH's flood control personnel and equipment have also been assigned to the MMDA.

CHILD course

THE C.H.I.L.D. Foundation Inc. of the Department of Pediatrics, UP-PGH Medical Center, through the pediatric neurology section, will conduct the 2002 subspecialty postgraduate course entitlted "Shaking Off Pins and Needles in Pediatric Neurology" on Oct. 8-10 at the Manila Midtown Hotel in Ermita, Manila.

Foundation president Dr. Perla Santos Ocampo and department chair Dr. Carmelo Alfiler said the course aims to provide medical and paramedical practitioners with a simplified and practical approach to the diagnosis and management of children with neurological complaints. The organizing committee, led by Doctors Salvacion Gatchalian and Aida Salonga, has lined up experts to discuss the different common neurologic complaints and disorders.

For details, call Doctors Edward Vincent Faustino and James Philip Cruz at 524-0892 or 521-8450 local 2101, or fax 526-0150.



WAITING FOR TONIGHT. Vina Morales gets ready for a "very important" night on Oct. 26.

Vina: I've stopped planning to get married

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

VINA MORALES at 27 says she is in no hurry to get hitched.

She has had relationships with guys from inside and outside show biz, controversial and otherwise, but Vina has apparently not found Mr. Right.

"I realized it's fun to be single," Vina allows. "I used to have a time frame for when to get married. When I was 18, I said I could get married at 20. Then when I was 20, I said 23 would be the right age. But now, I'm 27 and I've stopped planning for my altar date."

Vina swears she is not even looking around for the right guy to marry.

"If he comes and he's meant for you, then that's it," she says. "But I don't wake up every day and go out of the house to look for a possible husband. That can be disappointing. But you can pray for the right one to come along. I think that's better."

Except for Robin Padilla, Vina has not had any show biz boyfriend.

"I learned my lesson with Robin," she says. "I realized there's less intrigue in your life when you have a non-show biz boyfriend.

"There are many temptations when you're in the business. You meet different people. You are really more prone to intrigues."

Rather than waste her time waiting for a man, Vina focuses her attention on her singing. She had just returned from successful performances with Martin Nievera in Winnipeg and Toronto, Canada; and with The Hunks in Guam, Hawaii and Hong Kong.

She recently released a new album, "Reflections," with the carrier single, "Aangkinin sa Puso." Also in the album is a duet with Gary Valenciano, "Sana'y Dumating Ka Na."

She has just ended a well-received bar tour series to promote her album.

On Oct. 26, Vina performs in a major solo concert, "Vina: Revealed," at the Folk Arts Theater. The show is produced by Maxi-Media International. She will be joined by special guests, concert royalties Martin Nievera and Gary Valenciano. Also performing with her are the Power Boys, the Streetboys and the Whiplash Dancers.

Tickets are at P600, P300, P200, and P50 for the bleachers.

Vina's repertoire will include the hits of Jennifer Lopez, Mandy Moore, Michelle Branch, Janet Jackson and Pink, plus OPM tunes.

Vina has come a long way since she came to Manila from Cebu when she was only 12 to try her luck in show biz.

"I've been waiting for this night," Vina says of her big concert. "It's a very important moment for me. I hope the fans and all the people who have supported me all these years will be with me on that night."

Where was Kristine?

JERICHO Rosales recently celebrated his 23rd birthday with a bang. It was not really a big bash with countless guests and overflowing food and wine, yet many show biz celebrities came to greet Jericho.

His closest friends in the business, family members, and co-workers at ABS-CBN who came to the party at the Wasabi in Makati City were all wearing leis and beaded bracelets. To complete the look, Lee Denim USA, Jericho's long-time clothing sponsor, accessorized the venue with things blue—from the Lee-washed-up denims on the ceiling to the five-tier cake complete with sand, sea and surfboards.

The setup thrilled Echo (as Jericho is fondly called by friends), who loves to surf when he doesn't have a busy show biz calendar.

However, it was Giselle Sanchez who truly knocked out Echo. The sexy singer-comedienne who hosted the night's program popped out of a huge box in a sexy attire.

Echo was the picture of youthful energy and optimism the whole night. His costars in the recently concluded "Pangako sa 'Yo" — Eula Valdez, Tonton Gutierrez, Amy Austria, Patrick Garcia, Jodi Sta. Maria, Dianne de la Fuente—joined the shebang.

However, Echo, who plays Angelo in the soap series, was minus his beloved Yna, as Kristine Hermosa was a no-show.

Yet, Echo's many other friends more than made up for the absence of his favorite leading lady and rumored girlfriend. His fellow Hunks—Carlos Agassi, Piolo Pascual and Bernard Palanca—partied with him. Only Hunk Diether Ocampo was not present.

Parliament Syndicate rocked the house with hip-hop, pop and dance music, which kept Nikki Valdez, Kaye Abad, Tin Arnaldo, Dominic Ochoa, Sarah Christophers and Paolo Contis head straight for the dance floor.

Young actor Luis Alandy of the ABS-CBN soap "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan" jammed with the band.

Also seen enjoying the Japanese buffet are Pops Fernandez, Glydel Mercado, Janna Victoria, Victor Neri and Parokya ni Edgar vocalist Chito Miranda.

Echo's happiness was shared by his immediate family, mom Rose Vibar, and siblings Jeremiah, Carl, Luisa, and nephew Ryan Manalo.

Echo's Lee Denim

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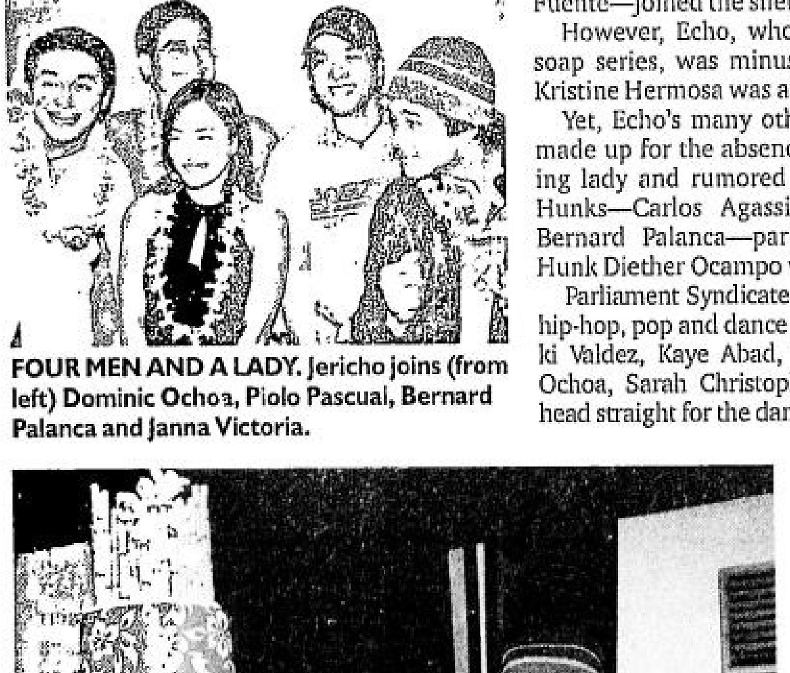
FOUR MEN AND A LADY. Jericho joins (from left) Dominic Ochoa, Piolo Pascual, Bernard Palanca and Janna Victoria.



BIRTHDAY BOY. Jericho Rosales at 23 beside his five-tier cake with sand, sea and surfboards.

Three young talents get their big break in 'Smallville'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

STARTING on Oct. 8, and every Tuesday thereafter, the new Superman series, "Smallville," will be shown at 9 p.m. on Studio 23. The new series about the Man of Steel's early, formative years has proven itself to be a hit on US television, and should also do well here, particularly with young viewers.

That's because its characters are correspondingly youthful. Clark Kent included. And they're more real and less fantastic—like, our superhero doesn't wear a cape, and he doesn't even fly—yet.

He's just a teenager with emerging super-powers, which don't really help him much as he tries to cope with teen angst, guilt, unrequited love, etc.

A big factor in the new series' early success is its lead actor, **Tom Welling**, who plays Clark Kent with an attractive combination of aw-shucks innocence and teen-idol sensuality.

He got his start as a model in New York and Europe, where he worked nonstop for two years. But the thrill soon palled, so he decided to move to Los Angeles to reinvent himself as an actor.

He gave himself one year to go places in the biz, but it only took five months for him to land a recurring role on "Judging Amy," as the title character's boy toy.

This was regarded as a coup of sorts, because Welling had little acting experience and had taken no acting classes. So, looks, charisma and raw talent must have worked for him.

As for the role of Clark Kent in "Smallville," Welling landed it after the show's producers conducted a nationwide search. Welling is such an obvious comer that he should be making movies starting next year, as well. He's got a long future ahead of him—after all, he's only 24 years old.

"Smallville" is also giving big breaks to two other young talents destined for the bigtime. Clark's unattainable crush, Lana Lang, is played by **Kristin Kreuk**, while his friend-nemesis, Lex Luthor, is being portrayed by **Michael Rosenbaum**.

Kreuk was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She was discovered when she was in fourth year high school, and cast in a starring role in the TV series, "Edgemont." She will also play the title role in the new TV movie, "Snow White," with **Miranda Richardson**.

For his part, Rosenbaum excelled in high school dramatics, also acted in college, played bit roles in New York, and finally got a regular TV role on "The Tom Show" with **Tom Arnold**.

In the movies, he's been in "Sweet November," "Sorority Boys," "Urban Legend," "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" and "Poolhall Junkies."

RX Band Breakout

RX 93.3 Band Breakout 2002 recently presented its first batch of semi-finalists: Grass, Pinoy Stories, Blue Ketchup, Cista and By Four.

Last Oct. 3, the second group of semi-finalist bands was similarly unveiled. They are Nancy Drool, Honey Rush, Battery, Luna and East Block 9-5.

At stake in the RX Band Breakout is P50,000 in cash and a recording contract with Alpha Records. Last year's winning bands, Ascension and Bent, are set to release their albums under Alpha.

Invitational concert

THE UST Symphony Band will perform in an invitational concert at Philamlife Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 6. The concert will showcase the band's repertoire before it competes in the fourth Asian Symphony Band tilt to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4.

Performance pieces: "A Festival Parade" by **Alfred Reed**, "Symphonic Marches" by **John Williams**, "Lahing Kayumanggi" by San Pedro, "Bakit Ka Tumingin" and "Mahalin Mo Ako, Sinta" by Fr. **Manuel P. Maramba**, OSB, a **Nicanor Abelardo** Medley, "Veterans de la Revolucion," "Tambalang Awit," plus "Blue Day" and "The Hunter."

Adventure games

"GAME For It" on the National Geographic Channel's "Adventure Starts Here with Toyota" airs every Sunday from Oct. 6 to 27 at 7 p.m. Featured are tales of brave young people who are willing to take risks to have the adventure of a lifetime.

On Oct. 6, three young, inexperienced mountain climbers attempt to scale Alpamayo, one of the highest perks in Peru. When the going gets tough, they reveal their hopes, frustrations and fears to the video camera.

Music videos

"STAR Studio," Channel 2's 11 a.m. show on Sundays, today showcases the music-video directorial debuts of **Marvin Agustin** and **Ryan Agoncillo**.

Marvin directs the music video for "Hanggang," a song written by **Roni** and **Gigi Cordero**, and performed by **Wency Cornejo**. The music video was shot in Boso-Boso, Antipolo.

Rica Peralejo's mom joins Dinglasan accusers

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cused, it ordered that the case be archived until the accused were found, Lambino said.

"Because the Dinglasans are now using aliases, we had to check their records at the regional trial court in Manila where the case was filed, the city prosecutors office, the National Bureau of Investigation and the MTRCB," the lawyer added.

Dinglasan's lawyer, Nick Conti, last week called Romero's allegations as baseless and unbelievable. "They can say whatever they want but they have to prove this in court," he said.

Conti said the change in the couple's names was never intentional. "She is publicly known as Mari-len, that's why she kept that name," he said. "Even the President calls her Mari-len."

Judge Juan Nablong Jr. of the Manila RTC Branch 32 on Sept. 23 issued a warrant for Dinglasan's arrest for violation of Batas Pambansa No. 22, or the Anti-Bouncing Check Law.

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7	ENOUGH

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3 (DTS)	TUXEDO

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3 (DOLBY)	TUXEDO
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4	SPECIAL SCREENING

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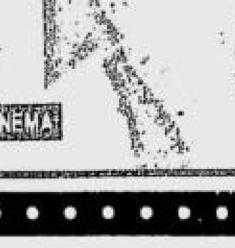

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1	BIRTHDAY GIRL
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11	SPY KIDS 2
12	PROSTI

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9	PROSTI
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12	REIGN OF FIRE

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2	THE TUXEDO
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4	K-19
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7	SPY KIDS 2
8	THE TUXEDO

SM SOUTHMALL

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1	ENOUGH
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6	REIGN OF FIRE
7	PROSTI
8	THE TUXEDO
9	K-19
10	RED BLOODED...

SM CITY CEBU

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1	THE TUXEDO
2	REIGN OF FIRE
3	SPY KIDS 2
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5	REVELATION
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8	THE TUXEDO

SM CITY ILOILO

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1	KAPAG ANG PALAY...
2	CLOSED
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8	HIGH RISK

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6	PROSTI

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3	SPY KIDS 2
4	K-19

SM CITY DAVAO

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Vina: I've stopped planning to get married

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USA family, led by Wilfred Siy and wife Daisy, were in the party, too, with the creative staff of Kristine Uy, Epoy Arcino, Giselle Sia, Daryl Chang, Sheila Alfafara and Kytes Navarro.

Other guests include Seattle's Best Coffee's Frederick Siy with fiancée Tiffany Chua.

Echo's manager, Alan Real, led the gang from the ABS-CBN Talent Center that also included production staff members of the Sunday noontime variety show, "Asap," "Pangako sa 'Yo" and friends from Star Studio.

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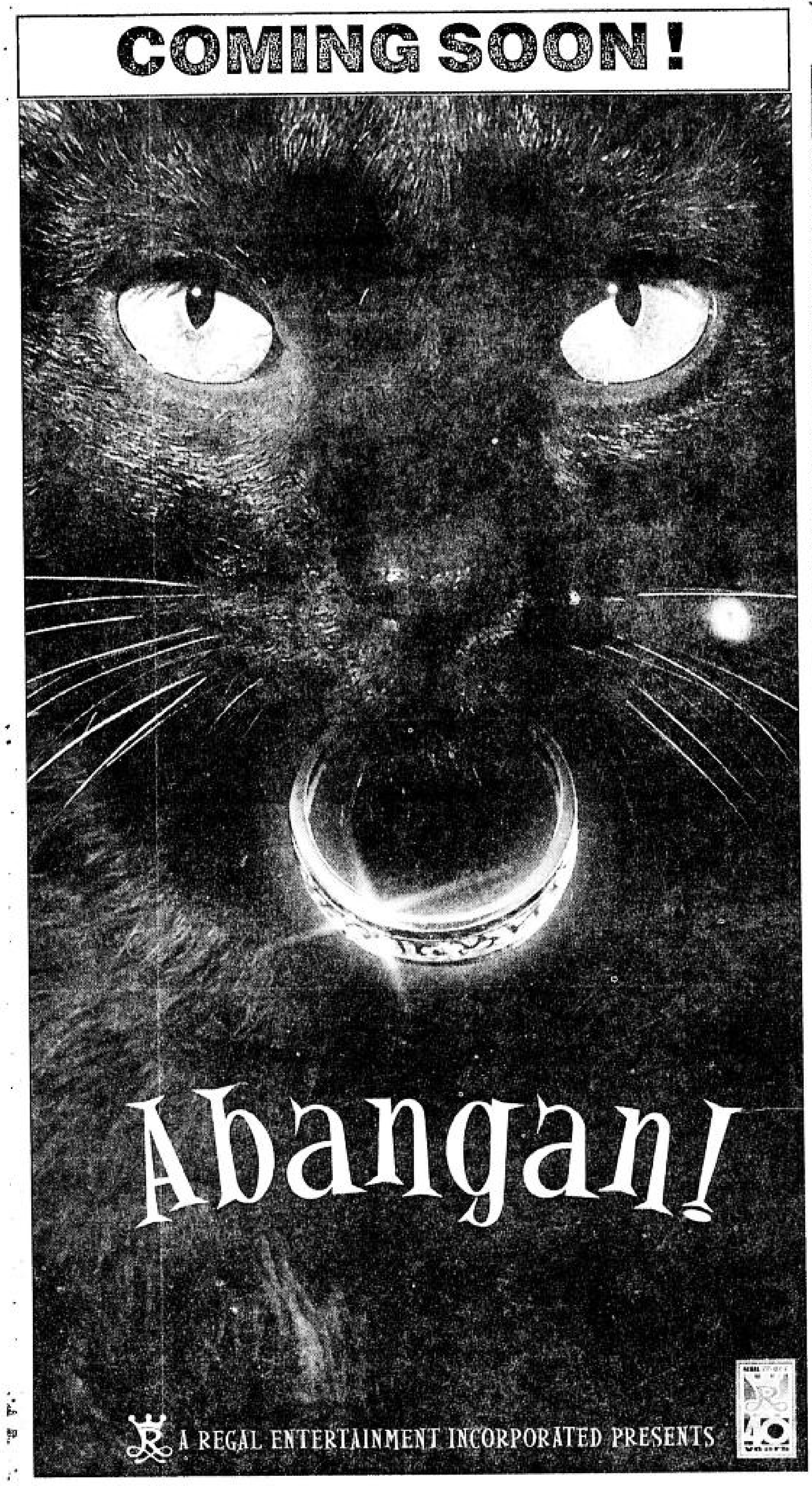
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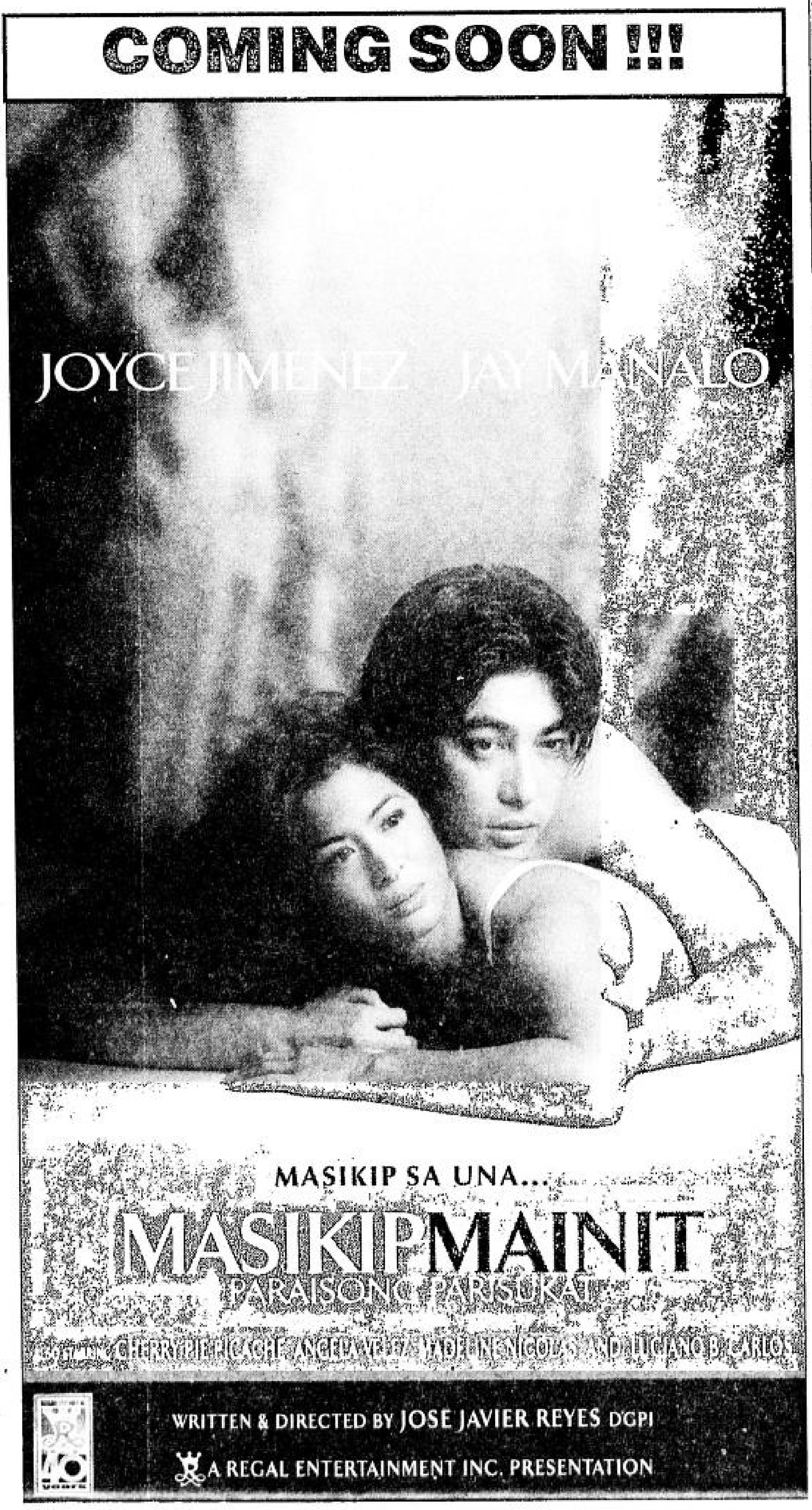
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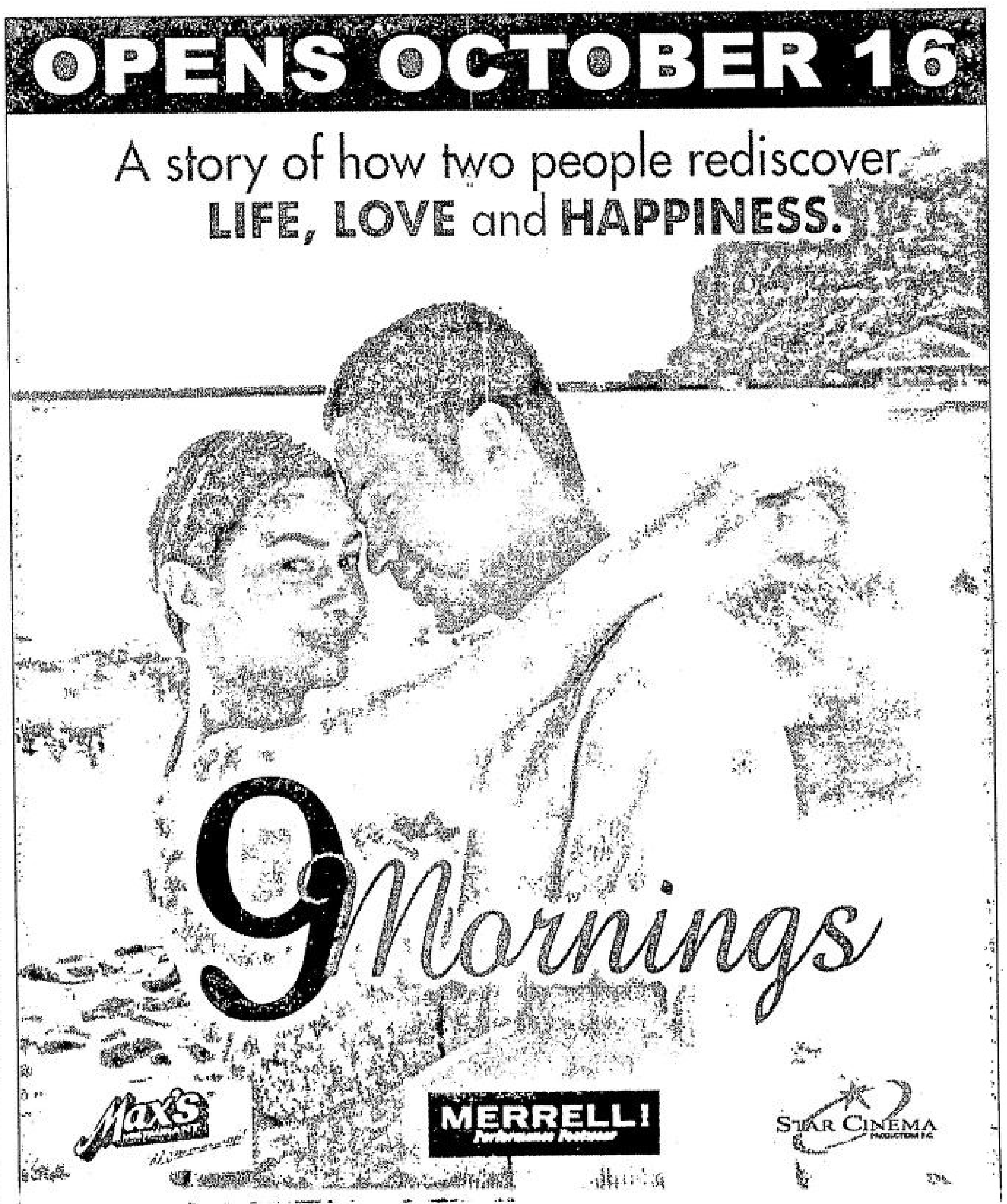
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Freestyle launches third studio album

FREESTYLE, today's most popular band with hits like "Before I Let You Go," "This Time," "So Slow" and "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang," has released its third studio album.

"I Wanna Get Close," the album, brings the band closer to its fans with cuts that typify the Freestyle sound.

The album will be launched at noon today on ABS-CBN's "Asap," to be followed by a mall show at SM Megamall at 5 p.m.

There will be other mall shows on Oct. 20, 4 p.m. at SM Bacoor and Nov. 3, 4 p.m. at SM North Edsa.

"I Wanna Get Close" contains 11 tracks, bannered by the carrier single of the same title.

Other cuts are "You've Taken Over Me," "Lying To Myself," "To Love Me," "I Like the Way," "All That I Want," "Nakilala," "It's Got To Be Love," "Paano," "I Like the Way" (dance remix) and "Mr. What-I-Wanna Be," a song that talks about things about our hidden selves that we find hard to express.

The carrier single, "I Wanna Get Close," is also the new jingle of Close-Up." The song, which has music and lyrics by Top Suzara, was recorded at the Flamingo Café Studios in the US and mixed at the Amerasian Studio.

New boy band launches debut album in 'Asap'

FAST-RISING boy band 17:28 launches their self-titled debut under Star Records in "Asap," noon today on ABS-CBN.

17:28 is composed of young and good-looking singers Joaquin Valdes (16), Jonard Yanzon (20), Gian Magdangal (18) and Chino Alfonson (17).

The group's "Sukob Na" is currently used as the song for ABS-CBN's station I.D.

The talented guys have all trained under Trumpets stalwarts Audie Gemora and Freddie Santos, musical director Mon Faustino, choreographers Jason Zamora and Rene Zagaran of the Maneouvers.

"17:28" the album features 17 tracks with two bonus songs.

Among the pop R&B ditties included are "Get Your Groove On," "Sana Naman," "I Ain't Stoppin'," "To Love Again," "Pinoy Pop," "Into My Air," "Come Breathe Me," "You've Got A Friend," "Sabi Nila" and a revival of "Natutulog Ba ang Diyos?"

The album's carrier single is "All I've Got."

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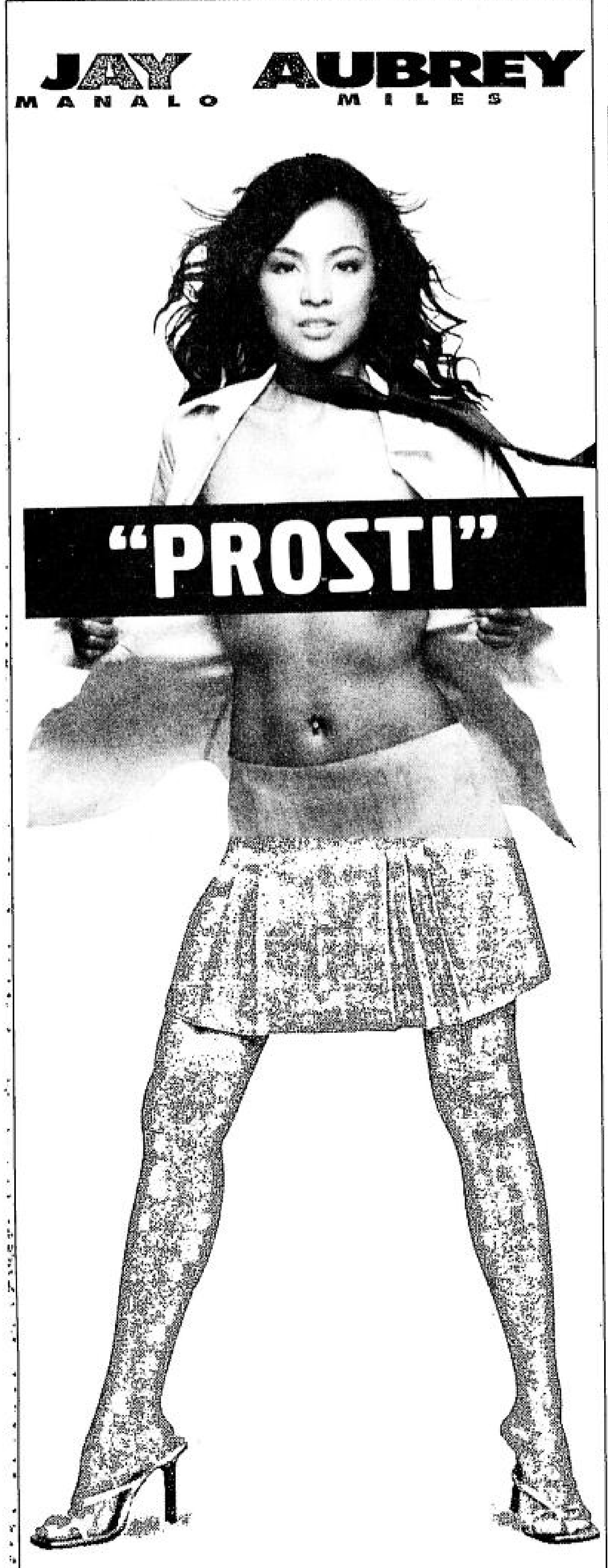

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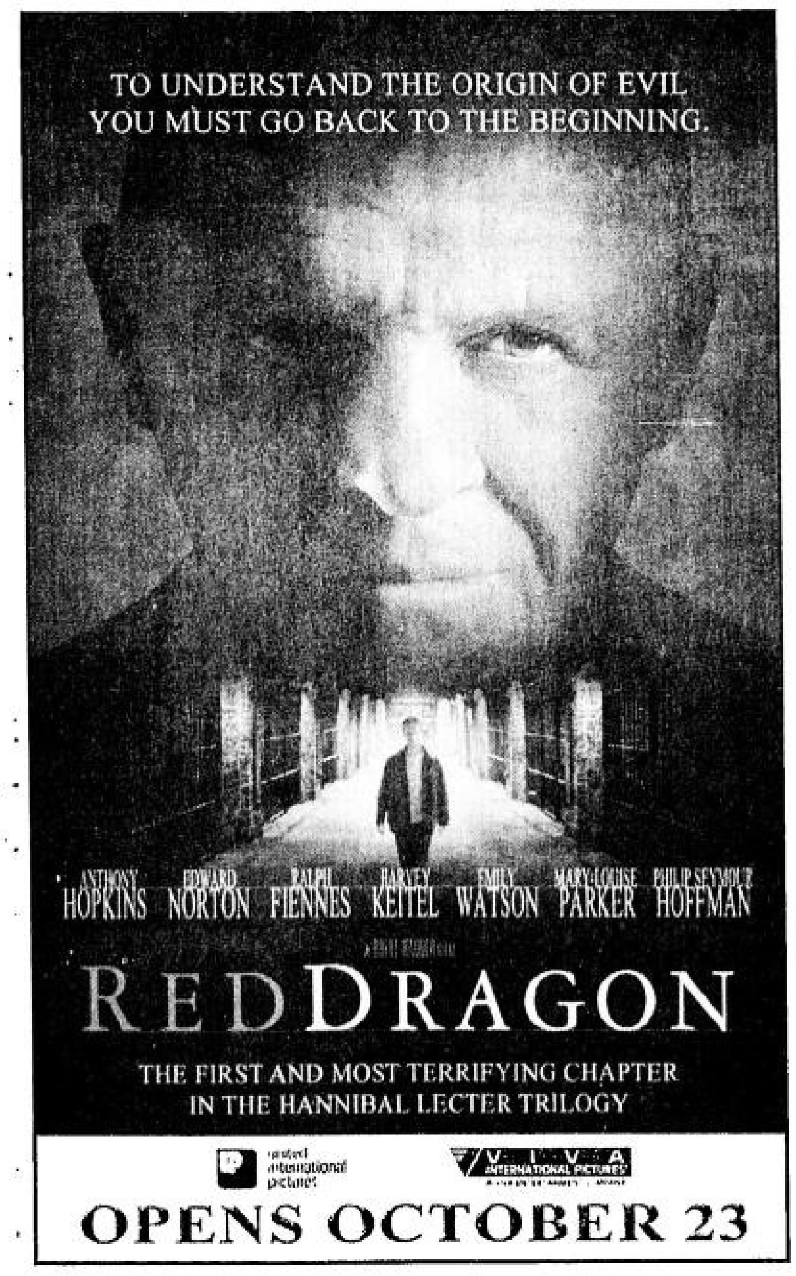

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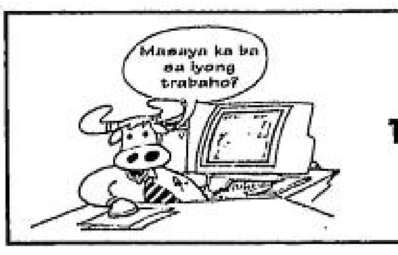
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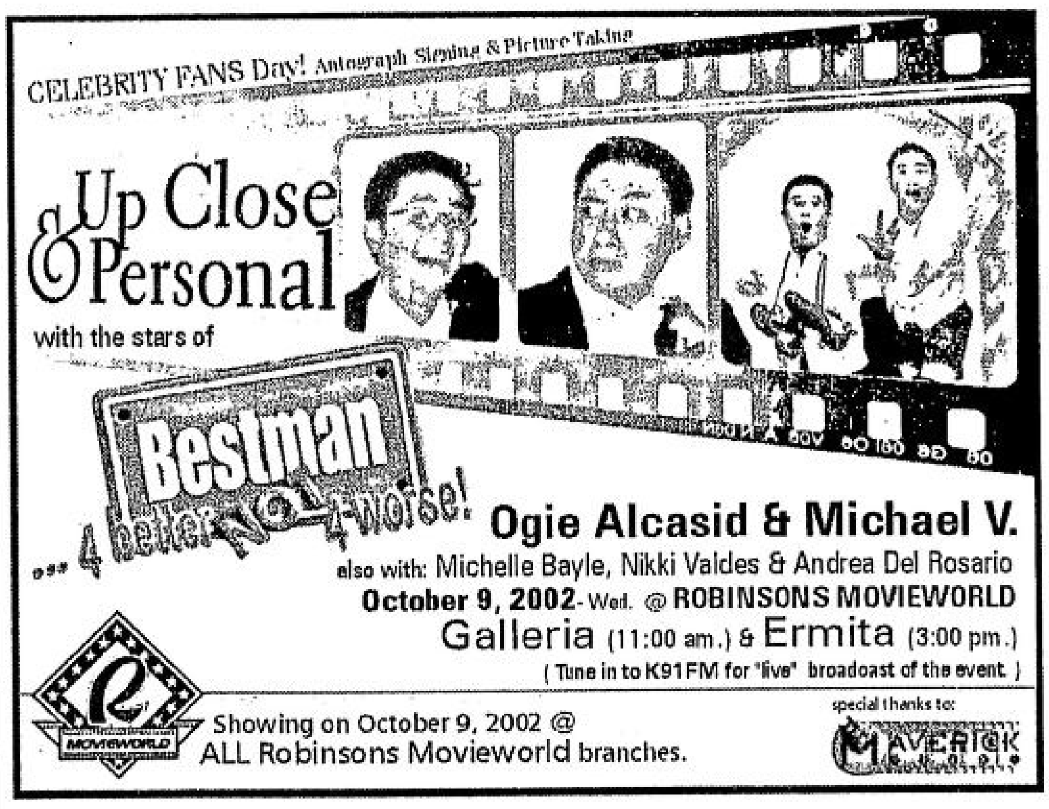

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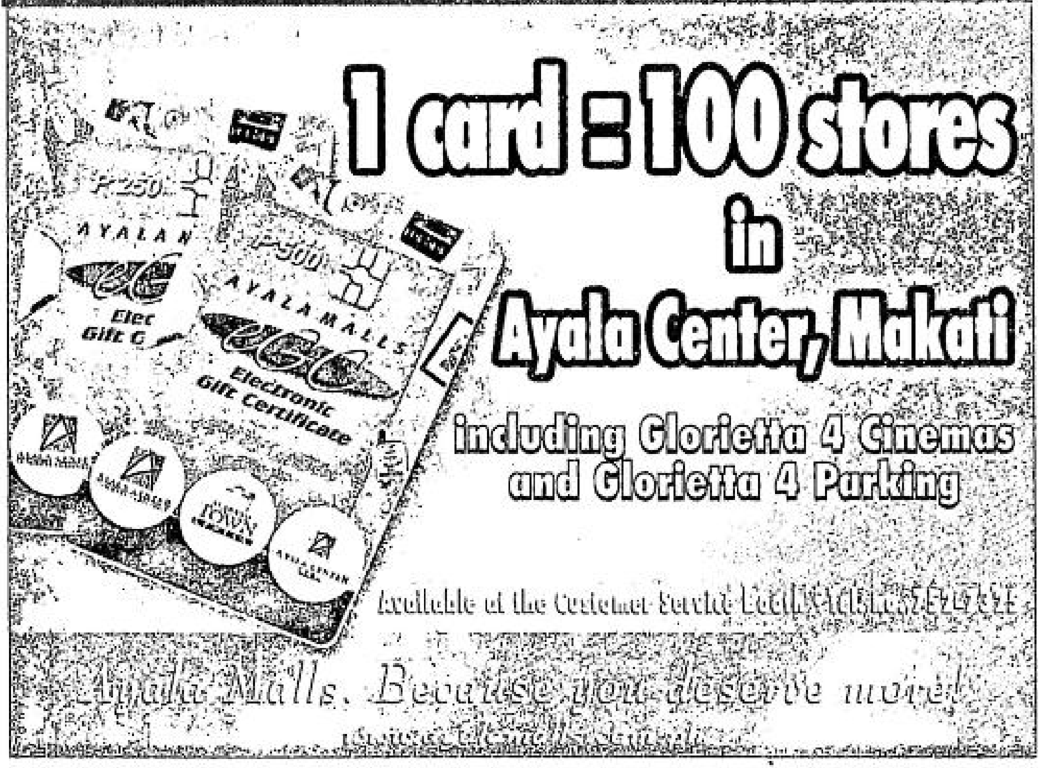

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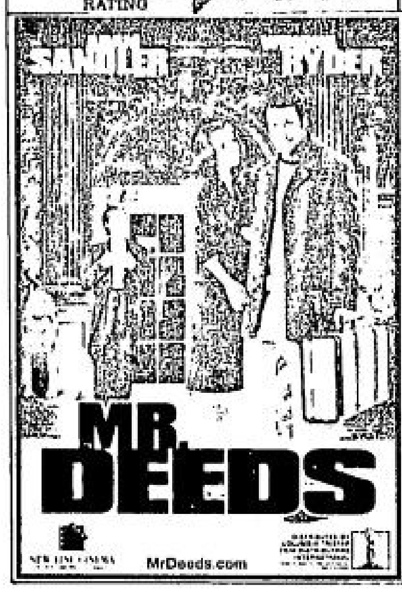

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Lani Misalucha performs in 'Superstar Leo' cruise

SHOWS

LANI Misalucha performs in "See You On Board, Lani," a special show on Oct. 28 at the Moulin Rouge of the luxury liner Superstar Leo of Star Cruises, the leading cruise line in Asia Pacific.

The luxury liner's destination from Oct. 27 to 30, 2002 is Hong Kong, Sanya (China), Halong Bay (Vietnam) and Hong Kong.

Lani has won the Katha and Awit awards for best female recording artist, was best singer in the 1998 Asia Song Festival, grand prize winner in the 1999 Metropop, best interpreter in the 1997 3rd Musika Manila songwriting composition, and most recently, was Aliw's Entertainer of the Year 2002.

Two major sponsors of the "See You On Board, Lani" are Star Cruises and Philippine Air Lines (PAL), Lani's official carrier to Hong Kong. PAL recently launched its new frequent flyer program called Mabuhay Miles.

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Their original compositions "Whiplash," "Believe In Me" and "Shy Eyes" gained considerable acclaim and showcased their songwriting flair.

After years of hibernation and the constant hounding of loyal fans for a comeback, Rage's main duo Juan Miguel Salvador and Marissa Buñag resurrected the group with new members Tonet Lipana on guitars, Derek Ileto on bass, Qnie Alcantara on drums, Raymond Leong on keyboards and Bonggoy Garcia on backing vocals.

On Oct. 12 (Saturday) at 7 p.m., Rage rises from slumber with a fast-paced rock-and-roll concert at Enchanted Kingdom's Launch Pad co-presented by Smart Telecommunications and Pepsi.

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On 'Higher Ground

DULCE celebrates her 24th year in show business with a concert offering, "Higher Ground," Oct. 25, 7 p.m. at Araneta Coliseum.

Dulce, who is known for her songs like "Maalaala Mo Kaya" and "Ako ang Nagwagi," could not qualify for the "Tawag ng Tanghalan" singing contest, where she first attempted to display her singing talent, simply because she was underage.

Dulce, in her interview, recalls that "Mang Tem-i" of Iskul Bukol, who was then in charge of screening hopeful participants in the said contest wouldn't allow her to join because she was one year short of the required age. When she returned the following year, the same person wouldn't grant her entrance.

She was persistent. She joined "Tawag ng Tanghalan" at the right age and became one of its consistent winners for months. She was discovered in the same year and was given the show biz name Dulce, taken from the first movie theme song she recorded, "Dulce Amor."

For Dulce, "Higher Ground" Concert would be a different experience for everyone. She will be joined by Gary Valenciano, Musikatha artist Joni Villanueva, Powerplay, Manoeuvers, Musikatha singers and KKB performers.

"Higher Ground" is also the sequel to the 24th anniversary celebration of the Jesus is Lord Church at 3 p.m. today at the Luneta Grandstand.

The concert is produced as a benefit for Touch A Life Build A Nation Program of the JIL Church Worldwide Missions Foundations, Inc.

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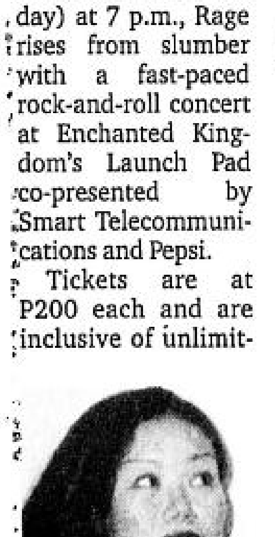

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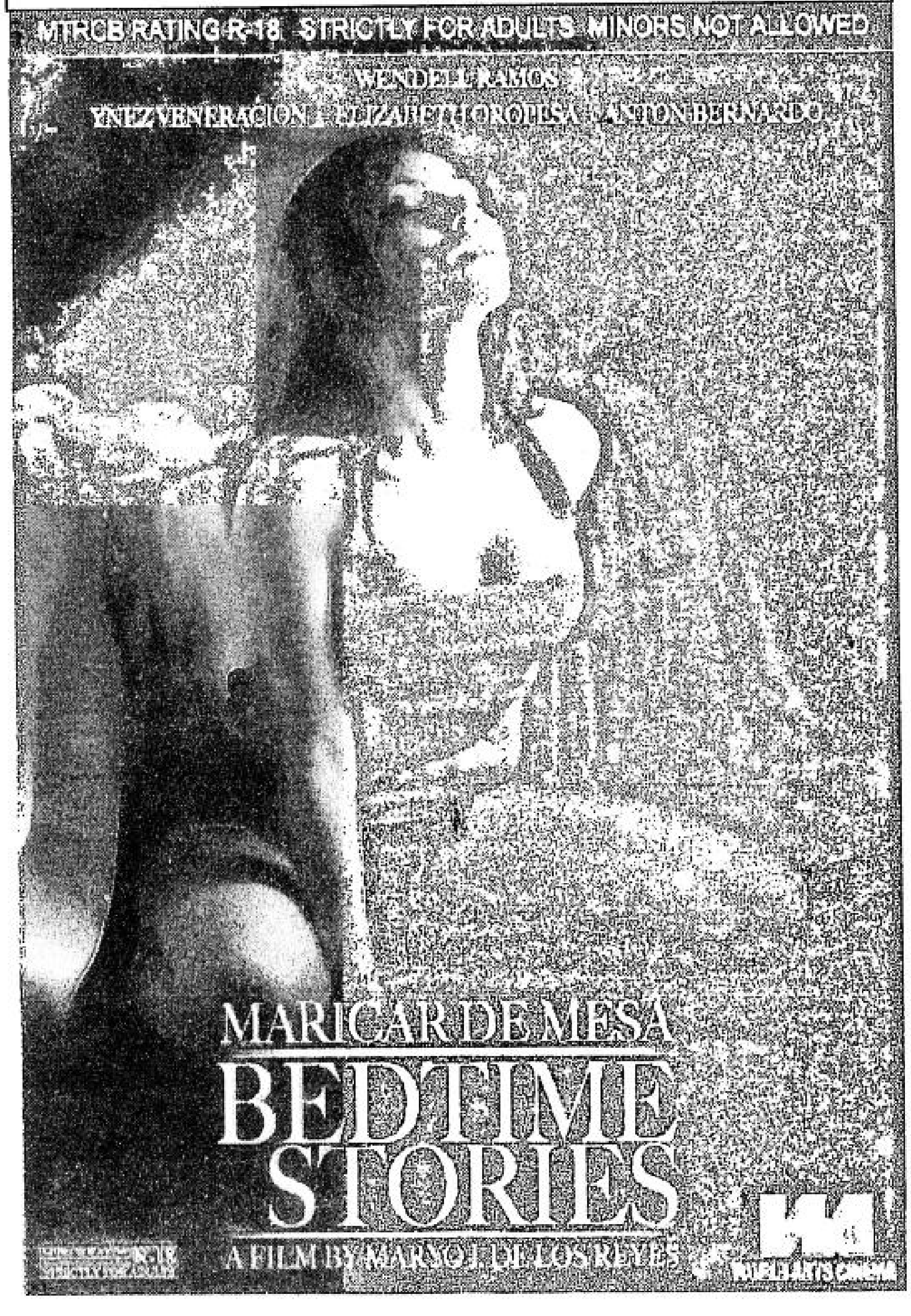
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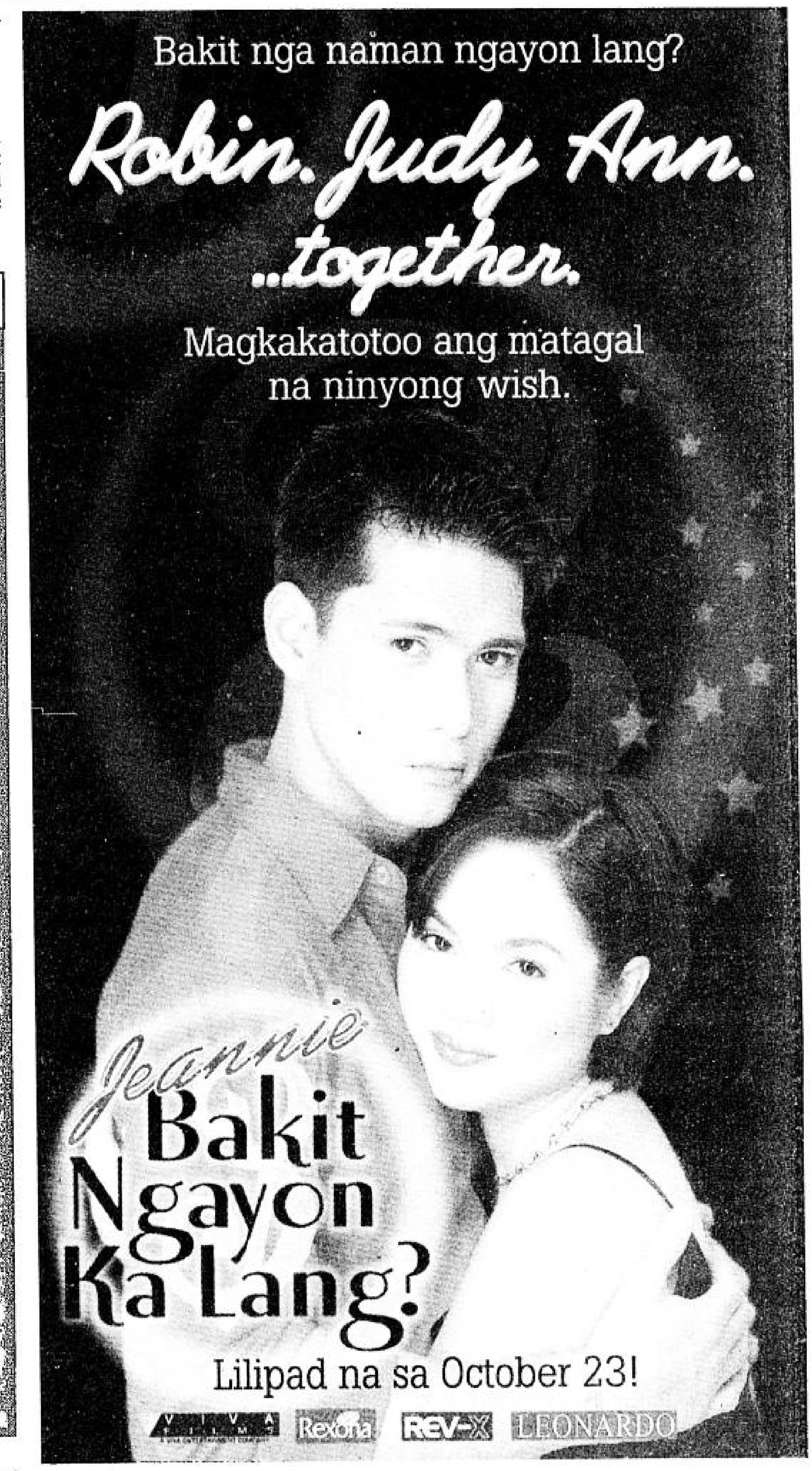
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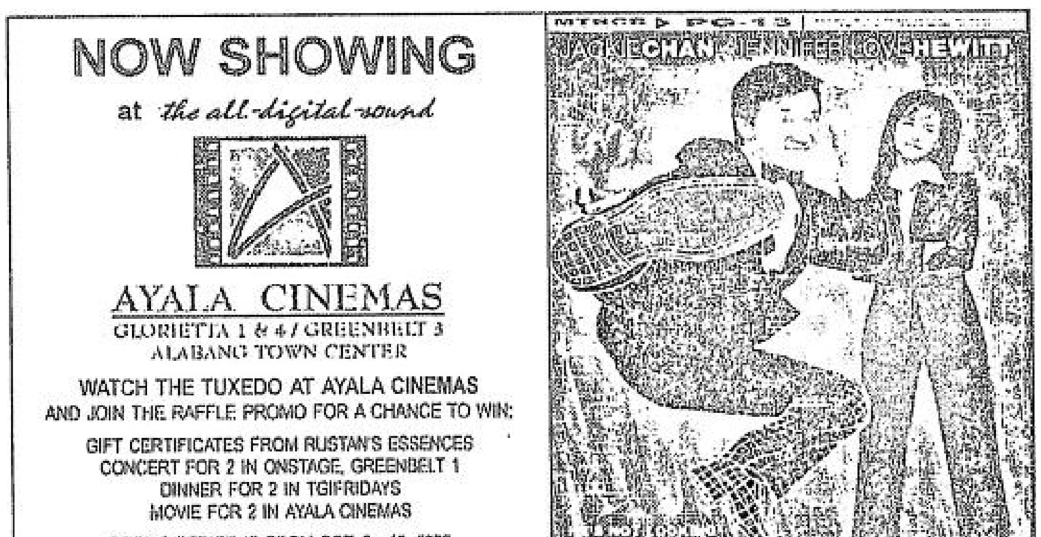
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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Rica Peralejo's mom joins Dinglasan accusers

DINGLASAN

By Marinel R. Cruz

CHIEF CENSOR Mari-len Dinglasan, accused of graft and accusing others of bribery, has a new adversary: Alice Peralejo, mother of sexy star Rica Peralejo.

Peralejo on Friday joined employees of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board in a protest rally at the MTRCB offices at the President Towers in Quezon City.

"I believe in the cause of the MTRCB employees," Peralejo told the Inquirer. "I will support them up to the very end."

Peralejo claimed that Dinglasan owes her P13 million after the MTRCB chair issued a bouncing check for several tons of prawns she ordered in 1989.

The MTRCB head and her husband Adolfo Dinglasan used to own El Mira Trading, a shipping firm based in Bataan.

"We trusted them with our money," Peralejo said. "My family business lost money because of them."

Lawyer Raul Lambino said Peralejo would file a lawsuit against the Dinglasans for violation of the Anti-Bouncing Check Law.

Peralejo said other businessmen in Bataan who also claim that the Dinglasans owe them money are expected to join the protest early next week.

She said she had long given up on collecting the money from the Dinglasans. "But my friends told me to fight it out."

Peralejo said Dinglasan ignored her when they met several months ago at a party that President Macapagal-Arroyo hosted in her house in Quezon City.

Lambino also handles the estafa case that businesswoman Carmelita Romero had filed against Dinglasan 16 years ago. Romero accused Dinglasan of issuing her a check for P50,000 that bounced.

Lambino said the MTRCB chief and her husband changed their names from Maria Elena and Raphael to Mari-len and Adolfo to escape paying their debts.

He said it took Romero a long time to pursue the case because she had to verify the identity of the accused.

"Maybe the changes in their names were intentional," the lawyer said. "Maria Elena posted a bond of P1,000 and disappeared."

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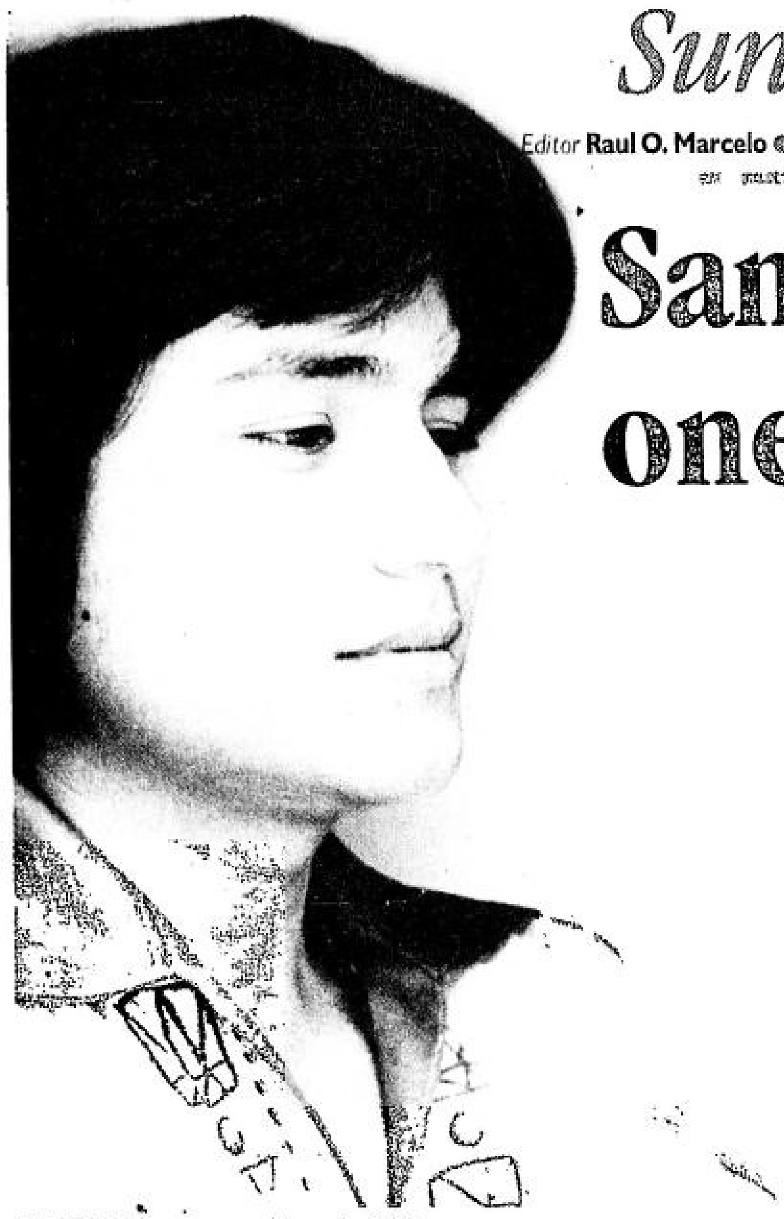

PALAFOX as a new architect in 1973.

By Tina Arceo-dumlao

FELINO A. Palafox Jr.'s early life revolved around the church and the beaches of Bacarra, Ilocos Norte.

It was probably because he loved building sand castles along the beaches of Bacarra that Palafox, founder and managing partner of leading architectural firm Palafox and Associates, was unconsciously guided to become an architect.

Palafox, however, says that architecture was just his fourth career option.

"I actually wanted to be a priest because I studied in the Christ the King seminary and I was a very pious seminarian. But after four years I realized I had no vocation. I thought I had it, but I didn't have it after all," Palafox tells SundayBiz.

Since the priesthood was no longer an option, he thought about becoming a doctor like his father. His parents, however, had their hands full raising 10 children so medicine was too expensive. The same with engineering.

So he went for architecture studies instead at the University of Sto. Tomas in 1967, and he applied the same diligence and dedication that he showed when he was in the seminary.

"I was very active in school and I was very much involved in campus politics. But when the trend went toward violence during that time, I decided to concentrate on my architectural thesis," Palafox says.

He showed enough potential in school that his professor Carlos Santos Viola, famous for designing the Iglesia ni Cristo churches, personally asked him to work for him as an apprentice for P1 an hour from 1970-1972.

"At first I was asked to cut the tracing paper and sharpen pencils, then I drew the borders. After that I graduated to putting the architect's name on the architectural plans. By the time I left I was already drawing some of the details," Palafox says.

FIRST JOB

Palafox would not stay with his professor for long as he applied for and got the scholarship offered by the United Nations Development Program to take up a Master's degree in Environmental Planning from the University of the Philippines from 1973-74.

"It was a great opportunity and I my stipend was P650 a month which was very big at that time. My classmates who went on to work, for instance, got only P200 a month," he says.

The scholarship was one of the many turning points in Palafox's career as it required him to work for the government for at least a year. He ended up working at the Planning and Project Development Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways under former Secretary David Consunji.

"I was lucky because I had the opportunity to work with experts. I was with a group of young people who were mostly scholars like me," he adds.

The young Palafox was appointed to head the team that was tasked to map the infrastructure development of Metro Manila. One of the products of the plan was the rail development program.

PALAFOX TODAY

As team leader, Palafox got the chance to work with the best in the field of urban planning and infrastructure development from the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

As luck would have it, the royal family of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, got hold of a copy of the Metro Manila development plan with Palafox's name appearing as project leader.

"That was my big break because I was hired personally to be one of a group of consultants from around the world to implement the vision of the royal family to fast-track the development of Dubai and move it from the fourth world to a first world country in 15 years. I was the youngest and one of only two Asians in that team," Palafox says.

Palafox stayed in Dubai from 1977-1981 and he was hired as an architect and senior urban planner.

He brought with him his wife Wilma, and it was there that their first child, Karmi, was born.

It was also there that he got the chance to build a real castle out of the sand.

"I got to travel the world with my family. I was really treated so well by my employers because everything was free and I could have stayed because Dubai even gave us a perpetual visa but I still decided to go home in 1981," he says.

Palafox adds that he was encouraged to go home because top Filipino chief executives such as Enrique Zobel of Ayala Corp. and Henry Sy of the Shoemart group assured him that he would have a good job waiting for him once he decided to go back to the Philippines.

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These Jollibee crew hear with their hearts

ILAGAN and Villavelez

WALK into the huge, modern Jollibee outlet at the corner of Green Meadows and Libis in Quezon City and, chances are, the brightest smiles to greet you will belong to two totally deaf young men wearing the familiar Jollibee uniform.

It is all part of a program quietly launched in 1997 to provide work opportunities to hearing-impaired persons, with a target number of two such persons in all Jollibee stores nationwide. The program is actually a brainchild of actor (and Jollibee endorser) Aga Muhlach, who broached the idea to Jollibee senior management after an incident some years ago that moved the young actor.

It was late 1995. Jollibee's flagship corporate social responsibility initiative then was called "MaAga and Pasko," a nationwide voluntary toy-giving program for poor children. As soon as the program was publicized, a deaf young man working as a sales clerk in a clothes boutique mentioned to one of the shop's regular customers—who happened to be the actor's longtime manager—that he wanted to make a toy donation.

The talent manager, Ethel Ramos, arranged for the clerk, Cromwell Umali, to meet the actor and personally give his donation. And that was that—or so they thought.

Two years after making his donation, Cromwell met the actor by chance, this time at a coffee shop in Quezon City. Muhlach graciously received the deaf man. The actor, it turned out, had done some reflecting in the interim. He was deeply moved by the gesture two years earlier, and wanted to do something bigger.

Muhlach then broached to Jollibee management the idea of hiring hearing-impaired persons in the company's outlets.

"They are extremely motivated and their work output is outstanding," says Jollibee Green Meadows store manager Nanette Leuterio of 21-year-old Raymond Ilagan and 35-year-old Bernie Villavelez, the two deaf members on her store team. "They are also well-loved by the rest of the crew and regarded by all as just any other regular guys."

She also adds that Bernie and Raymond have an advantage in one critical aspect—indeed what makes the competitive advantage in an intensely service-oriented industry: "They are very sensitive to customers' feelings."

Launching the program required networking with an NGO called STEAM Foundation Inc. STEAM means "Special Training, Employment, Advocacy and Management," and it is exactly what they do. Its executive director is Rose Vergara, who owns the boutique where Cromwell worked. (Cromwell now works in the Office of the President in Malacañang and at the same time acts as national trainer of STEAM.)

A social worker and Behavioral Therapist by profession, Vergara has long had a soft sport for the disabled; her shop, in fact, gives hiring preference to the deaf. Her husband works closely with her in the tedious task of preparing deaf persons to enter the world of work. This task, she explains, includes the understandably anxious restaurant staff.

Vergara is, of course, extremely appreciative of Jollibee and Muhlach, who has become a supportive friend. According to her, training each deaf worker is a four-phased process.

"The Jollibee program of providing work to the deaf actually extends beyond the hearing disabled worker," Vergara says. "The other beneficiaries are their families, the employer (Jollibee) and government."

These stakeholders (to use the language of the corporate world) benefit in many ways, some more obvious than others. Government, for example, benefits when the private sector assumes some responsibility for helping make the disabled productive—and earning—citizens.

"There are 4.5 million deaf persons in the Philippines," says Jollibee Food Corp. vice president for human resources Robert T. Poblete. "Most of them are from less privileged families who are also our main customer base. While it is, of course, not possible for us to help all of them, this program enables us to give back something in a meaningful way."

At the end of the day, everybody wins. Jollibee makes no claims that this is the only corporate program of its kind, nor is it the only company with a heart for the disabled. Indeed, with corporate social responsibility programs becoming more comon in an increasingly scrutinized world of business and industry, some cynical eyebrows might even be raised.

But this do not deter Jollibee from continuing with its mission—to encourage the corporate world to accept persons with disablities in their work force.

For Raymond, Bernie and the rest of the "normal" people they work with—in Jollibee Green Meadows branch, that is all beside the point. They simply love what they are doing.

And it shows.

21st Century e-Leadership: New wineskins for new wine

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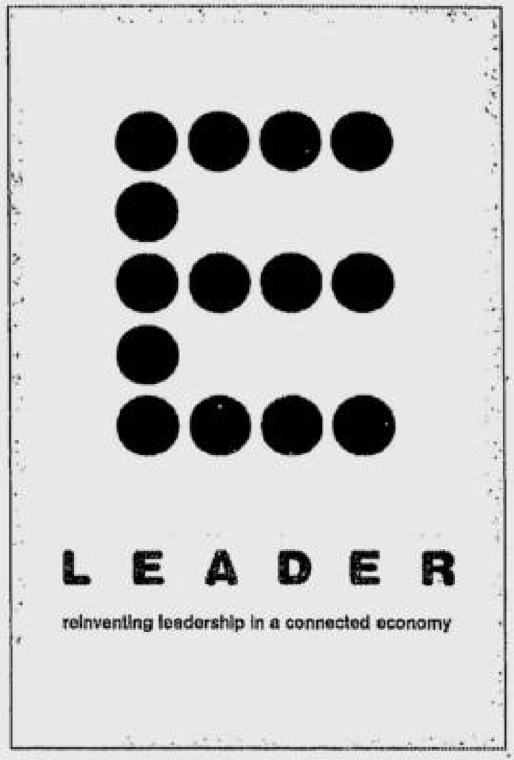

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EXECUTIVE READ

YOU hear contradictory phrases these days. For example, you have "chaordic organization," meaning a combination of "chaos and order," an oxymoron at first glance: Isn't an organization supposed to install order? This was coined by Dee Hock, founder and CEO emeritus of Visa International, the same firm that grew phenomenally. Of course, he was antedated by Alfred North Whitehead who defined progress as "the art of creating chaos in the midst of order, and preserving order in the midst of chaos."

"Lateral leadership" is another phrase that assaults our time-tested concept of leaders who preside from the top over everyone else below him.

This phrase talks about a leader who steps down from his elevated position and deals with his people as his "equals." The latter, in turn, leave a slight concession to their leader by accepting him as primus inter pares (first among equals).

Another phrase, "spontaneous CEO," unsettles our widely held view that a CEO is steeped in strategic planning and thus hardly acts on impulse at the spur of the moment.

The above three are only part of a wide range of new vocabulary that now punctuates third millennium leadership books. It delivers an earth-shaking message: We have really such a deeply altered world that the old leadership formula no longer works, and leaders, if they have to thrive—if not merely survive—must change.

This is the startling message of the book "E-Leader: Reinventing Leadership in a Connected Economy." It is rightly called a "brilliant flash of light on the new emerging leadership paradigm of the 21st century."

Author Robert Hargrove, leadership coach of many CEOs, declared at the outset that CEOs in this century must move quickly from being stewards "conserving what has been built" to being revolutionaries engaged in a balancing act of "maintaining equilibrium and creative destruction."

Is this the domain of young emergent leaders, ruling out retirable fiftyish and sixtyish CEOs? Not necessarily. Mr. Hargrove was generously quoting Dee Hock of Visa, Jack Welch of GE, Lou Gerstner of IBM, Carly Fiorina, all of whom preached—then practiced—re-branding their companies thus propelled them to new growth platforms and unheard of efficiency and profitability.

People's horizon of possibilities," he points out, "is limited." What he is saying is that the connected economy presents possibilities that are so infinite but traditional leaders' visions are so finite. The profoundly transformed environment demands a deeply altered CEO mindset.

This truth is actually both timely and timeless. One ever timeless advice actually came from "Jesus the CEO" who said: "For new wine, you need new wineskins." New ideas require new strategies and structures.

The book thus recommends Triple-Loop Learning" which asks three fundamental questions dealing with three verbs: to be, think, and do.

First question: How do I need to be different? (Begin seeing yourself differently.) Second: How do I need to think differently? (Start to question what you take for granted.) The third question: What do I need to do differently? (Jump into action—the e-Economy waits for no one.) The book templates on exercises that involve the transition from ... to, with the useful insight that these have worked in many coaching tasks by the author.

Does this mean that the old reliable leadership and management concepts are passe? Not really. The author still quotes Peter Drucker's "classic question" (his words): "What is our business and what should it be?" You still have to ask the question: What is the logic of our business?

But logic, according to Asian Institute of Management Associate Dean Sonny Coloma, has given way to the fashionable question: "What is your business model?"

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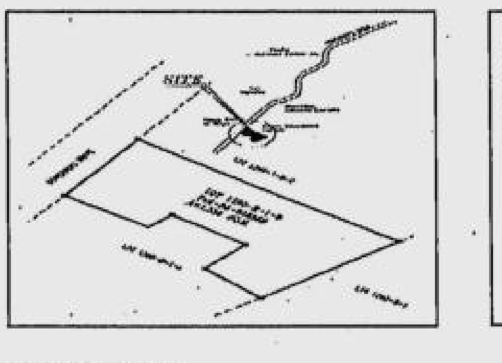

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ILAGAN and Villavelez

WALK into the huge, modern Jollibee outlet at the corner of Green Meadows and Libis in Quezon City and, chances are, the brightest smiles to greet you will belong to two totally deaf young men wearing the familiar Jollibee uniform.

It is all part of a program quietly launched in 1997 to provide work opportunities to hearing-impaired persons, with a target number of two such persons in all Jollibee stores nationwide. The program is actually a brainchild of actor (and Jollibee endorser) Aga Muhlach, who broached the idea to Jollibee senior management after an incident some years ago that moved the young actor.

It was late 1995. Jollibee's flagship corporate social responsibility initiative then was called "MaAga and Pasko," a nationwide voluntary toy-giving program for poor children. As soon as the program was publicized, a deaf young man working as a sales clerk in a clothes boutique mentioned to one of the shop's regular customers—who happened to be the actor's longtime manager—that he wanted to make a toy donation.

The talent manager, Ethel Ramos, arranged for the clerk, Cromwell Umali, to meet the actor and personally give his donation. And that was that—or so they thought.

Two years after making his donation, Cromwell met the actor by chance, this time at a coffee shop in Quezon City. Muhlach graciously received the deaf man. The actor, it turned out, had done some reflecting in the interim. He was deeply moved by the gesture two years earlier, and wanted to do something bigger.

Muhlach then broached to Jollibee management the idea of hiring hearing-impaired persons in the company's outlets.

"They are extremely motivated and their work output is outstanding," says Jollibee Green Meadows store manager Nanette Leuterio of 21-year-old Raymond Ilagan and 35-year-old Bernie Villavelez, the two deaf members on her store team. "They are also well-loved by the rest of the crew and regarded by all as just any other regular guys."

She also adds that Bernie and Raymond have an advantage in one critical aspect—indeed what makes the competitive advantage in an intensely service-oriented industry: "They are very sensitive to customers' feelings."

Launching the program required networking with an NGO called STEAM Foundation Inc. STEAM means "Special Training, Employment, Advocacy and Management," and it is exactly what they do. Its executive director is Rose Vergara, who owns the boutique where Cromwell worked. (Cromwell now works in the Office of the President in Malacañang and at the same time acts as national trainer of STEAM.)

A social worker and Behavioral Therapist by profession, Vergara has long had a soft sport for the disabled; her shop, in fact, gives hiring preference to the deaf. Her husband works closely with her in the tedious task of preparing deaf persons to enter the world of work. This task, she explains, includes the understandably anxious restaurant staff.

Vergara is, of course, extremely appreciative of Jollibee and Muhlach, who has become a supportive friend. According to her, training each deaf worker is a four-phased process.

"The Jollibee program of providing work to the deaf actually extends beyond the hearing disabled worker," Vergara says. "The other beneficiaries are their families, the employer (Jollibee) and government."

These stakeholders (to use the language of the corporate world) benefit in many ways, some more obvious than others. Government, for example, benefits when the private sector assumes some responsibility for helping make the disabled productive—and earning—citizens.

"There are 4.5 million deaf persons in the Philippines," says Jollibee Food Corp. vice president for human resources Robert T. Poblete. "Most of them are from less privileged families who are also our main customer base. While it is, of course, not possible for us to help all of them, this program enables us to give back something in a meaningful way."

At the end of the day, everybody wins. Jollibee makes no claims that this is the only corporate program of its kind, nor is it the only company with a heart for the disabled. Indeed, with corporate social responsibility programs becoming more comon in an increasingly scrutinized world of business and industry, some cynical eyebrows might even be raised.

But this do not deter Jollibee from continuing with its mission—to encourage the corporate world to accept persons with disablities in their work force.

For Raymond, Bernie and the rest of the "normal" people they work with—in Jollibee Green Meadows branch, that is all beside the point. They simply love what they are doing.

And it shows.

21st Century e-Leadership: New wineskins for new wine

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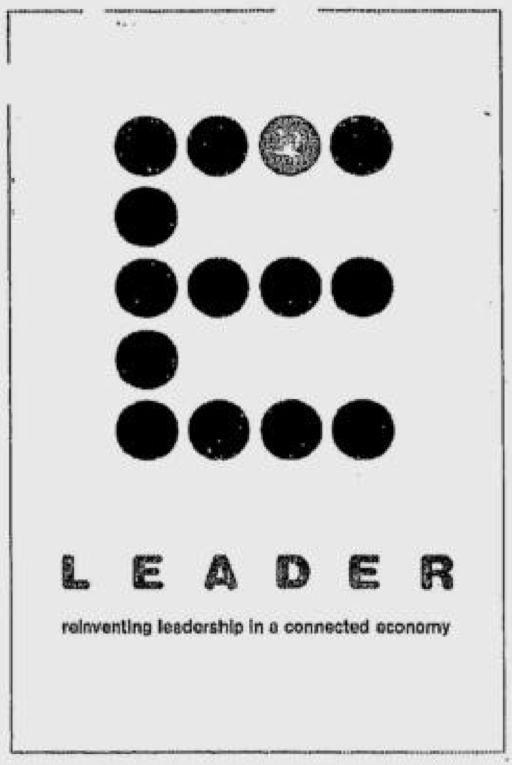

EXECUTIVE READ

YOU hear contradictory phrases these days. For example, you have "chaordic organization," meaning a combination of "chaos and order," an oxymoron at first glance: Isn't an organization supposed to install order? This was coined by Dee Hock, founder and CEO emeritus of Visa International, the same firm that grew phenomenally. Of course, he was antedated by Alfred North Whitehead who defined progress as "the art of creating chaos in the midst of order, and preserving order in the midst of chaos."

"Lateral leadership" is another phrase that assaults our time-tested concept of leaders who preside from the top over everyone else below him.

This phrase talks about a leader who steps down from his elevated position and deals with his people as his "equals." The latter, in turn, leave a slight concession to their leader by accepting him as primus inter pares (first among equals).

Another phrase, "spontaneous CEO," unsettles our widely held view that a CEO is steeped in strategic planning and thus hardly acts on impulse at the spur of the moment.

The above three are only part of a wide range of new vocabulary that now punctuates third millennium leadership books. It delivers an earth-shaking message: We have really such a deeply altered world that the old leadership formula no longer works, and leaders, if they have to thrive—if not merely survive—must change.

This is the startling message of the book "E-Leader: Reinventing Leadership in a Connected Economy." It is rightly called a "brilliant flash of light on the new emerging leadership paradigm of the 21st century."

Author Robert Hargrove, leadership coach of many CEOs, declared at the outset that CEOs in this century must move quickly from being stewards "conserving what has been built" to being revolutionaries engaged in a balancing act of "maintaining equilibrium and creative destruction."

Is this the domain of young emergent leaders, ruling out retirable fiftyish and sixtyish CEOs? Not necessarily. Mr. Hargrove was generously quoting Dee Hock of Visa, Jack Welch of GE, Lou Gerstner of IBM, Carly Fiorina, all of whom preached—then practiced—re-branding their companies thus propelled them to new growth platforms and unheard of efficiency and profitability.

People's horizon of possibilities," he points out, "is limited." What he is saying is that the connected economy presents possibilities that are so infinite but traditional leaders' visions are so finite. The profoundly transformed environment demands a deeply altered CEO mindset.

This truth is actually both timely and timeless. One ever timeless advice actually came from "Jesus the CEO" who said: "For new wine, you need new wineskins." New ideas require new strategies and structures.

The book thus recommends Triple-Loop Learning" which asks three fundamental questions dealing with three verbs: to be, think, and do.

First question: How do I need to be different? (Begin seeing yourself differently.) Second: How do I need to think differently? (Start to question what you take for granted.) The third question: What do I need to do differently? (Jump into action—the e-Economy waits for no one.) The book templates on exercises that involve the transition from ... to, with the useful insight that these have worked in many coaching tasks by the author.

Does this mean that the old reliable leadership and management concepts are passe? Not really. The author still quotes Peter Drucker's "classic question" (his words): "What is our business and what should it be?" You still have to ask the question: What is the logic of our business?

But logic, according to Asian Institute of Management Associate Dean Sonny Coloma, has given way to the fashionable question: "What is your business model?"

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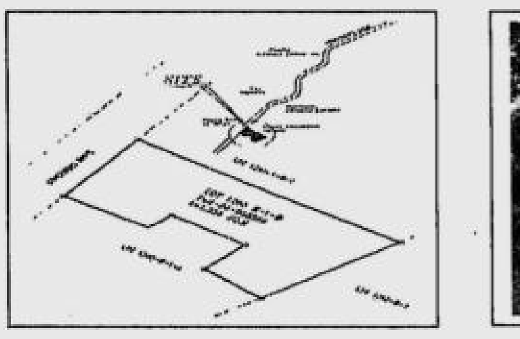
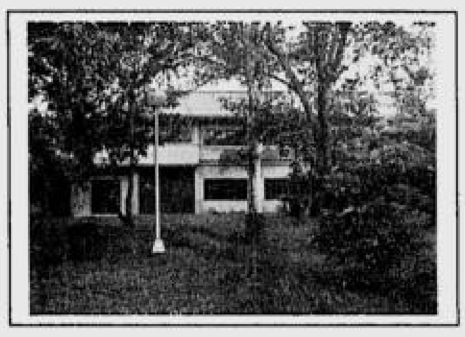

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It also helped that Avelino himself was an expert silversmith. Before he married Evelyn, he worked at an uncle's silver shop, specializing in silver filigree (tiny wires) pins.

Despite some difficulties (such as some customers who would issue bouncing checks), the Ibay couple's tenacity and determination paid off.

The Ibay's Silver Shop, now found in four stores around Baguio City, has become a tourist landmark and customers now include movie personalities and vacationers.

The Ibay couple's four daughters, now all professionals and three of them helping manage the family silverware business, also prove that the couple's P5,000-investment in 1974 continues to be a winning proposition.

DL Silver International

Another success story in the silverware business belongs to Batangueño Diego Maranan, now 82, who, together with his late wife Leonora migrated to Baguio in 1950 to engage in business.

The Maranan couple first tried their hand in RTW (ready-to-wear) clothes and shifted to handicraft and woodcarving in 1965. After their shop was burned down twice in the early 1970s, the Maranan couple figured that it was time to shift to a new venture.

Noting how tourists would often inquire about silver products, the Maranan family ventured into the silverware industry in 1977. Like the Ibay couple, the Maranans' new venture proved promising.

For a time, the family hired designers and silversmiths from Metro Manila.

Like the Ibay's Silver Shop, DL Silver International, a company the Maranans established, is now a household name here and abroad. "DL" stands for Diego and his wife Leonora.

Maranan-Rimando eventually established Tawid, a new company focusing on silverware production, which mainly supplies the DL Silver International and its offshoots.

The elder Maranan also takes pride about how one of his daughters and her husband followed in his footsteps.

His daughter and husband started out with almost P200,000 as capital in 1990 and have since established two companies under new names.

'Jewelry of the Millennium'

Like gold and other precious metals, silver is a luxury.

But why do people buy them?

"In terms of beauty, both gold and silver glitter," says the elder Maranan. "But silver, a byproduct of gold, is cheaper, and is as beautiful as gold."

"Silver jewelry is more cool," says Evelyn Ibay, borrowing a term of today's young people, many of whom, both male and female, now put silver rings on their fingers, ears, noses, navels and even tongues.

All these sterling qualities of silver, according to both Maranan and Ibay, make the white metal the "jewelry of the millennium."

Silver can also be recycled. Those who supply raw materials to Baguio jewelers are mostly Bulacan residents who recycle silver from contact points of discarded electronic items and X-ray films (which contain silver bromide) from hospitals.

Labor of love

The advantage of Baguio-made silverware is the amount of love and labor silversmiths and artists invest on every piece of silver jewelry or decor.

The Saint Louis Silvercrafts, which specializes in filigree silverware, for example, employs 14 men who practically manufacture by hand every silver item—from smelting, stripping, filing, engraving, sanding, washing and polishing.

Since diplomas and degrees are unnecessary, Saint Louis has also employed three physically handicapped persons (one deaf-mute and two whose legs were amputated) who, according to Van Broech, are all experts in their lines of work.

"The labor of love each worker invests on a piece of item is what makes our jewelry precious," she says.

Maranan-Rimando agrees.

Although her production is semi-mechanized, her 10 workers, two of them women, do most of the processes—from sanding, brushing, polishing to soaping.

Both regularly employed silversmiths and contracted craftsmen also make by hand Ibay's silver items.

Compared to the machine-made silverware of Italy, Korea, Thailand and Taiwan, Baguio's silver items are considered "fine stuff" mainly because these are hand-made.

Baguio silver items are preferred abroad due to their quality and craftsmanship.

Baguio's silver jewelers including Saint Louis, DL and Ibay have tried exporting.

Threats

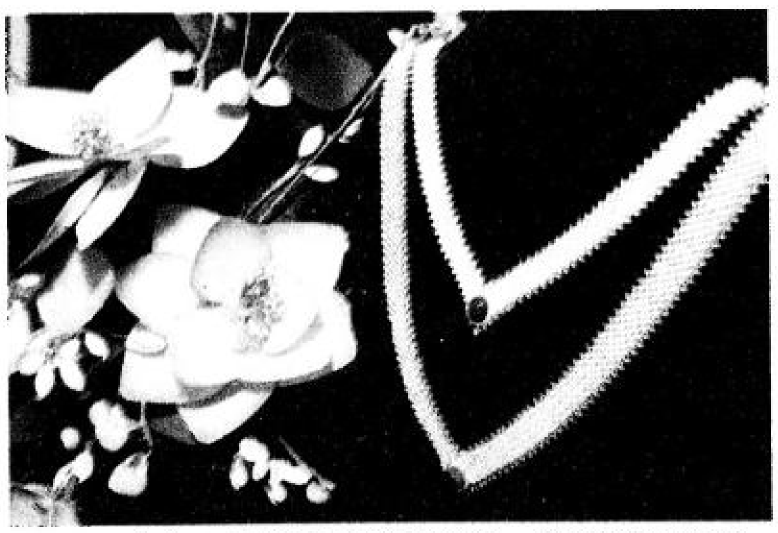
Baguio jewelers are complaining about the unregulated entry of cheap but fake machine-made silverware from Korea and other countries. But these imported items were eventually exposed after those who bought these complained of skin irritation.

All jewelers that the INQUIRER interviewed attest to the 92.5-percent "sterling quality" of their silver items, thus friendly to the skin.

As cheaper, but lower-quality silver items enter and threaten local products, Baguio's jewelers have also complained of various layers of taxes that the government would like to impose on them.

Aside from value-added taxes, business license fees and other annual tax dues, the government, through the new Comprehensive Tax Reform Law, seeks to impose excise taxes on silver jewelers.

"How can we compete globally if the government continues to saddle us with more taxes?" asks Diego Maranan. "The government should instead give us tax breaks."



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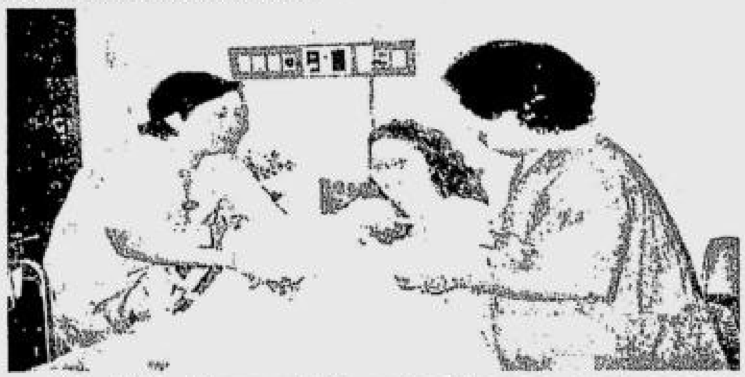

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5 highly creative and dynamic

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who will be assigned in
Baguio, Legazpi, Tacloban, Cagayan de Oro and Butuan

The persons we are looking for should be able to think out of the box and come up with novel ideas and winning ways of promoting women's health and empowerment at the community level. Specifically, she/he will:

- Conduct communications resource and needs assessment in Project areas
- Formulate a strategic communication plan based on the overall IEC and advocacy framework of the Project
- Identify, pretest and promote key messages among stakeholders; develop feedback mechanisms
- Conceptualize and supervise the production of appropriate, relevant and cost-effective IEC materials and events
- Liaise with the media, academe, LGUs and NGOs
- Conduct trainings to help build the IEC and advocacy capabilities of community women and Project partners

Qualifications:

- Knowledgeable in Social Marketing
- Extensive experience in IEC and advocacy work in the community; gender-sensitive and aware of community health/development issues
- Proficient in DTP; graphics design savvy
- Excellent writing and editing skills
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- Willing to travel extensively to Project areas in assigned region
- Graduate of a four-year course in Communications or Social Sciences

ONLY CANDIDATES WHO MEET THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD APPLY.

Interested applicants should submit their response letter, comprehensive resume with a recent 2x2 photo, employment and academic credentials on or before **11 October 2002** to:

THE HRD OFFICER
Women's Health Project—Partnerships Component
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As a Director, the candidate is expected to have excellent general management skills, communication skills both written and oral, excellent planning and analytical skills - both in the operations and financial aspect. Knowledge in Quality Systems and ISO applications will definitely be a plus.

Interested parties are requested to e-mail their letter of intent and their comprehensive Curriculum Vitaé preferably with photo on or before *October 11, 2002* to:

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Senior Economic Development Specialist - Coastal Resource Management
1 slot contractual - SG 19

Field visits required.
Responsible for the gender-oriented conceptualization, formulation and design of coastal resource preservation management; resource rehabilitation and technical implementation of the program on coastal resource management; to provide technical assistance to target groups according to the approved BDP's Plan of Operations.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree on Marine Biology or related field
- With 2 years minimum experience on CRM program/projects;
- With relevant training;
- Computer literacy is of advantage
- Civil Service Eligibility for 2nd level position.

Senior Economic Development Specialist - Agrarian Reform
SG-19 - 1 slot contractual

Field visits required.
Responsible for gender-oriented conceptualization, formulation, design and implementation of agrarian reform-related activities according to BDP's approved Plan of Operations and its documentation.

Qualifications:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science or related courses
- At least two years practical experience with the support of and the attention to agrarian reform beneficiaries;
- Experience with advocacies, mobilizations, and other supportive activities;
- Willing to work in a team with skills in facilitating group work and trainings.
- Civil Service Eligibility for 2nd level position.

Additional assignments of work may be requested and will depend on relevant agreements.

Senior Economic Development Specialist - Enterprise
SG-19 - 1 slot contractual

Field visits required.
Responsible for gender-oriented conceptualization, formulation, design and implementation of enterprise-related activities and rural finance according to BDP's approved Plan of Operations.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Economics or related courses
- At least 2 years experience in handling individual and group enterprises
- Willing to work in a team with skills in facilitating group meetings and trainings.
- Computer literacy is of advantage
- Civil Service Eligibility for 2nd level position.
- With relevant trainings.

Senior Economic Development Specialist - Health
SG-19 - 1 slot contractual

Field visits required.
Responsible for gender-oriented conceptualization, formulation, design and implementation of health programs and services to target groups according to BDP's approved Plan of Operation concentrating on preventive health measures.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Public Health, Nutrition or related courses
- At least 2 years experience in handling community-based and primary health care programs
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- Appropriate civil service eligibility for 2nd level position
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Please send in your application not later than October 13, 2002 to the

Project Director
Bondoc Development Program
Project Management Office
Perez St., Catanauan
4311 Quezon

Project Director
Bondoc Development Program
P.O. Box 33, Lucena City
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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

VACANCY NOTICE

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), whose Headquarters is in London, is a specialized agency of the United Nations with global responsibility for the technical regulation of maritime transport. IMO also provides machinery for co-operation among Governments. The objective of the Regional Presence Office is to facilitate IMO's input into national and regional development policies and to provide field- level participation in the development and execution of IMO's Technical Co-operation Programme. The Government of the Philippines hosts the Regional Presence Office with the support of the UNDP. The Regional Co-ordinator is located within the UNDP Office in Makati City and is responsible for the IMO Regional Presence office.

Vacancy has arisen for the Regional Co-ordinator's Post as detailed below.

Post: Regional Co-ordinator, IMO Regional Presence for Technical Co-operation in Asia.

Duty Station: Makati City, Philippines

Level: National Officer Category

Nature of Appointment: Initial one-year Fixed-Term Appointment until 31 December 2004

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

The incumbent will report to the Geographical Focal Point (GFP) under the immediate supervision of the Director, Technical Co-operation Division and will undertake any duties assigned to him/her in connection with IMO's integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP). This will include, inter alia -

1. to identify maritime needs and priorities in conjunction with relevant countries, institutions or networks for subsequent review and consideration by the GFP for integration into the ITCP;
2. to plan, co-ordinate and ensure the delivery of IMO's integrated programmes of technical assistance in the sub-region under the direct supervision of the GFP;
3. to co-operate in capacity building programmes so as to achieve national/sub regional execution of projects in the maritime sector;
4. to promote IMO's technical competence, experience and comparative advantage during the formulation of Country Strategy Notes and country programmes sponsored by the UNDP or other bilateral and multi-lateral donors;
5. to implement the ITCP activities for Asia assigned by the GFP;
6. to assist in identifying potential funding sources at bi-lateral and multilateral levels;
7. to identify and establish good working relations with key organizations and individuals in the region that deal with IMO and other maritime matters;
8. to represent the Organization as directed, at national, regional and international meetings and conferences, to advise on relevant aspects of the work of IMO and of the IMO's ITCP;
9. to provide information for inclusion in documents on matters related to technical co-operation for presentation to Assembly, Council, Technical Co-operation Committee, Economic Commissions, Donor meetings, etc.;
10. to report on a regular basis to the GFP, including submission of quarterly progress reports; and
11. to undertake any other tasks assigned either by the Director, TCD or GFP.

Job Requirement
Candidates for nomination for consideration as IMO Regional Presence Co-ordinator(s) should:

1. have academic qualifications in the maritime field and/or in the area of international development;
2. have at least 10 years' professional experience in the maritime field;
3. have a wide-knowledge of IMO's regulatory framework and of its technical assistance programmes;
4. have an understanding of the challenges faced by developing countries in the implementation of IMO instruments and in the establishment, functioning and development of efficient maritime administrations, shipping and port services, marine pollution prevention and response;
5. have practical experience in the programming and implementation of development assistance activities under IMO's technical assistance;
6. have a thorough and detailed knowledge of the development issues of the countries of the region, with a particular bearing on the maritime sector;
7. have complete proficiency in English; and
8. have a pragmatic attitude and sensitivity to the region's cultural and other characteristics.

Commencement of Duties: 1 January 2003

This vacancy is open to male and female candidates who are Filipino nationals. The IMO seeks to increase the number of women at all levels and women, particularly, are invited to apply. Applications together with a CV should be sent under confidential cover to:

UNDP Resident Representative
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CLOSING DATE: 18 October 2002

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At least 5 years work experience in project management, contract managment and/or program administration; experience in working with government officials and broad range of stakeholders in the energy, environment and energy regulatory work; a Master's degree or higher degree in economics, political science, public administration, planning, environmental management or related field; possess excellent written and communication skills; established track record of capability to mobilize and direct multi-disciplinary professional team in accomplishing contract objective in a timely fashion. Excellent teamwork, leadership and networking skills.

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Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center,
Pasig City
Tel. Nos. (02) 687-9074
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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

The National Irrigation Administration - CARAGA Region XIII, Bancasi, Butuan City invites all locally Qualified Consulting Firm, to apply for Pre-qualification to participate in the conduct of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study and finally facilitate in the issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for Logum-Baobo River Irrigation Project (LBRIP) at Veruela, Agusan del Sur under the Southern Philippines Irrigation Sector Project (SPISP).

Pre-qualification is open to all firms who are:

- ➢ registered with and authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to engage in Consultancy Services;
- ➢ with experience in EIA undertaking;
- ➢ with adequate pool of qualified expert for an EIA undertaking;
- ➢ in addition to the Company Profile please accomplish the summary sheet below:

		ITEMS	
I -	1)	List of EIAs prepared and submitted to the DENR	
	2)	List of EIA reports prepared in ADB format	
	3)	List of irrigation EIA reports prepared	
II -	1)	Highest Educational Attainment of Team Leader (TL)	
	2)	Number of years of TL as TL in EIA activities	
	3)	List of EIA activities where proposed TL was the team leader	
	4)	List of EIA team members	
	5)	Number of EIA experience of each team member	

Submission of applications for Pre-qualification must be in sealed envelope, which may either be hand carried or registered mail address to:

THE SECRETARIAT
Pre-Qualification, Evaluation & Award Committee
(PEAC)
NIA-CARAGA Regional Office
Bancasi, Butuan City

not later than **October 18, 2002** at 5:00 p.m. and clearly marked "Pre-Qualification Documents for Consultancy Services for the EIA Study for Logum - Baobo River Irrigation Project (LBRIP).

The NIA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information found therein and accept/reject such proposals that maybe advantageous/disadvantageous to NIA's interest.

(Sgd.) **CARLOS S. SALAZAR**
Regional Irrigation Manager

(PDI - Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 2002)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The National Food Authority (NFA) is inviting all Palay Farmers Organizations (FOs)/Farmers' Cooperatives (FCs), Farmers Associations (FAs) and Federation of Palay Farmers' Group (FPFGs) to participate in the distribution of rice under the **FARMERS AS DISTRIBUTORS** (FAD) II Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority/Philippine International Trading Corporation.

All interested parties are advised to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI), sample of which is shown as Exhibit 1, to the nearest NFA Provincial Office on or before **October 11, 2002.**

New applicants should submit their LOIs together with supporting documents to the NFA Provincial Office while those already accredited under FAD I need only to submit an LOI.

For details, they may coordinate with the nearest NFA Office in their respective areas. In Metro Manila, they may directly visit or call our NCR Office located at United Nations Avenue, Paco, Manila, with telephone nos. 563-8717, 563-9451 and 563-9454.

(Sgd.) **ANTHONY R.A. ABAD**
Administrator

Exhibit 1

LETTER OF INTENT

LOI# ____________

I/We ______________________________, with business address
(name of cooperative)
at ______________________________ would like to participate in the Farmers As Distributor (FAD) II Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority (NFA) / Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC). Specifically, we would like to avail of __________ bags of rice to be withdrawn in
(quantity)
____________________ from ____________ to ____________, 200_.
(withdrawal point) *(withdrawal period)*

The NFA however, reserves the right to adjust the volume to be allocated to the farmers' group and likewise, the withdrawal points depending what is available and other factors.

Attached are the following documents to support the approval of our application:

1. Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration from ____________ dated ____________.
2. Financial Statement as of ____________, duly audited by an external Accountant/Auditor.
3. Original copy of Board of Resolution # ____________ dated ____________, series of ____________ signifying our intention to participate in the program and authorizing ____________ and/or ____________ as our representative to transact business with NFA.

____
President/Chairman

To be filled-up by NFA
Date/Time Received: ____________
By : ____________

Checklist
☐ Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration
☐ Audited Financial Statement
☐ Original Copy of Board Resolution -- to participate and to authorize representative
☐ Grains Business License
— Retailing
— Wholesaling
— Warehousing
— Transporting

Basic Information
- Allowable Volume in bags for purchase per month ____________ *(not to exceed 5,000)*
- Networth (bags equivalent) ____________

Certified Correct:

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Provincial Market Development Officer

____
Provincial Accountant

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Provincial Registration & Licensing Officer

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Provincial Operations Officer/ Assistant Provincial Manager

Approved/Disapproved:

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Provincial Manager/Officer-In-Charge

(PDI - October 4, 5 & 6, 2002)

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Tel. Nos. 807-2628 to 32 Fax No. 842-2245

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND REBID

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) hereby invites sealed bids for the supply and delivery of at least 100 liters per month of Rabies Equine-Derived Hyperimunune Plasma for the production of Equine Rabies Immunoglobulin (ERIG) with specifications as follows:

- must have a neutralizing antibody titer of at least 180 I.u. by RFFIT (rapid fluorescent focus inhibition test) assay
- must be negative for EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) virus
- free of contaminants (aseptic collection and storage of plasma must comply with GLP according to RITM standards)
- facility subject to inspection
- preference for local production (for supply sustainability and vaccine self-sufficiency)

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers, manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors of Rabies Equine-Derived Hyperimmune Plasma are qualified to participate upon presentation of the following:

1. DTI Business Name or SEC Registration with Article of Incorporation
2. License to Operate
3. Business Permit
4. Mayor's Permit
5. BIR Value Added Tax Registration
6. Audited Financial Statements stamped "received" by the BIR for the past two calendar year

Submission of the said documents and issuance of bid documents for qualified bidders will be at the Supply Department on **October 15, 2002,** upon payment of non-refundable fee of P100.00 (One Hundred Pesos) for the proposal forms.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on **October 18, 2002** at 1:30 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid Conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to have waived his right to participate.

Submission of sealed bid documents will be on **October 23, 2002** at 1:30 p.m. at the Training Center of RITM.

Sealed bids must be submitted on the schedule day of bid opening accompanied by bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total bid price. The bid security maybe in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

RITM reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Institute.

(Sgd.) **SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

NOTICE FOR FARMERS' IMPORTATION

The National Food Authority (NFA) is hereby giving notice to all capable and/or qualified Palay Farmers Organizations (FOs) Farmers' Cooperatives (FCs)/Farmers Associations (FAs) and Federation of Palay Farmers' Group (FPFGs) to participate in the importation of premium, fancy and/or glutinous rice under the Farmers as Importers (FAI) Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority/ Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC).

All interested parties are advised to accomplish and submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) sample of which is shown as Exhibit 1, within five (5) days from **October 7-11, 2002** to the NFA Provincial Offices in their respective areas.

For details, they may coordinate with the nearest NFA office in their respective areas. In Metro Manila, they may directly visit or call our Marketing Operations Department located at 5th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City, and with telephone nos. 712-1928 and 712-1564.

(Sgd.) **ANTHONY R.A. ABAD**
Administrator

Exhibit 1

LETTER OF INTENT

LOI# ____________

I/WE ______________________________, with business address
(name of cooperative)
at ______________________________ would like to participate in the Farmers As Importers of Special Rice (FAISR) Program of the Department of Agriculture - National Food Authority (NFA)/ Philippine International Trading Center (PITC). Specifically, we would like to import thru the facilities of PITC __________ MT of ____________ rice to arrive on or before ____________
(quality) *(ETA)*
at __________.
(disport)

Attached are the following documents to support the approval of our application:

1. Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration from ____________ dated ____________.
2. Financial Statement as of ____________, duly audited by an external Accountant/Auditor.
3. Original copy of Board of Resolution # ____________ dated ____________, series of ____________ signifying our intention to participate in the program and authorizing ____________ and/or ____________ as our representative to transact business with NFA/PITC.

____
President/Chairman

To be filled-up by NFA
Date/Time Received: ____________
By : ____________

Checklist
☐ Certified Photocopy of Certificate of Registration
☐ Audited Financial Statement
☐ Original Copy of Board Resolution -- to participate and to authorize representative
☐ Grains Business License
— Retailing
— Wholesaling
— Warehousing
— Transporting

Basic Information
- Allowable Volume in bags for purchase ____________
- Networth (bags equivalent) ____________
- Capitalization (bags equivalent) ____________

Certified Correct:

____
Provincial Market Development Officer

____
Provincial Accountant

____
Provincial Registration & Licensing Officer

____
Provincial Operations Officer/ Assistant Provincial Manager

Approved/Disapproved:

____
Provincial Manager/Officer-In-Charge

(PDI - October 4, 5, & 6, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila, 1003 Philippines
Tel. No. 743-83-01 loc. 1107, 1125; (632) 711-95-02/03, TFax: (632) 743-1829
E-mail Address: osec@doh.gov.ph Web site: http://www.doh.gov.ph

Invitation for Bids

Early Childhood Development Project
Department of Health

Printing & Reproduction of Various IEC Materials
IFB No. ECD-02-DOH-004 (WB)

1. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Early Childhood Development Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the printing and reproduction of various IEC materials.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1.	Early Childhood Care & Development Card	3,500,000	Copies
2.	IMCH Counseling Cards	2,400	Copies

3. Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from September 30 to November 4, 2002, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

   Procurement and Logistics Service
   Building 26
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Tel. No. (632) 338-3413 to 14
   Telefax No. (632) 743-9582/711-6831

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000) or US$250. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. If payment is in form of a bank draft, the check should be to the account of the Department of Health. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
6. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the National Epidemiology Center, Ground Floor, Bldg. #9, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at 3:00 p.m. on 21 October 2002.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 1:00 PM on 5 November 2002 after which, bids will be opened immediately thereafter. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of the total bid price or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the National Epidemiology Center, same address as the venue for the pre-bidding conference at 1:00 PM on 5 November 2002.
9. The Department of Health reserves the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive any minor defects or infirmities and to accept such bids as may be considered advantageous to DOH.

By the Authority of the Secretary:

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health & Chairperson
Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 2002)

Republika ng Pilipinas
PANGASIWAAN NG TUBIG AT ALKANTARILYA SA METRO MANILA
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City 1105, Philippines

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DETAILED DESIGN OF PROPOSED 5.50 KM. BY-PASS AQUEDUCT, BICTI-NOVALICHES AQUEDUCT NO. 6 (Phase 1, BNAQ-6)

The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) will undertake the construction of a new aqueduct, BNAQ-6 (Phase 1) with a length of about 5.50 km that will serve as by-pass aqueduct during the rehabilitation of the existing aqueduct no. 5 (AQ-5) with about 13 points leaks. However, there is a need to close the existing AQ-5 for about six (6) months to interconnect BNAQ-6 (Phase 1) to the existing AQ-5.

The consultancy services needed shall cover, but not limited to, the following:

a) Conduct a Pre-Feasibility Study and Detailed Design including cost estimate of the Angat Water Utilization and Aqueduct Imporvement Project (AWUIP) involving the 5.50 km aqueduct with 3.60 meter diameter;
b) Conduct pre-detailed activities such as survey, investigation, soil exploration, geotechnical study and right-of-way;
c) Establish financing structure and plan, and assist MWSS in securing funds for the implementation of the Project;
d) Preparation of additional study for possible expansion to accommodate water allocation from Angat; and
e) Assist in the evaluation of bids and awards.

MWSS therefore is inviting local consultancy firms to submit their request for pre-qualification together with their company profile and organizational structure which will provide information regarding their field of expertise and specialization and the experiences of key personnel who will be assigned to undertake the required consultancy services. On the basis of the submissions, MWSS will shortlist the consultancy firms.

Consultants who expressed their desire to offer their services can obtain the prequalification statement/forms and submit the same within thirty (30) days from the date of first advertisement to the address stated below:

Engineering and Project Management Department
Ground Floor, Engineering Building
Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines
Fax No. (632) 922-2568

(Sgd.) **MACRA A. CRUZ**
Officer-in-Charge

(PDI - Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

LEYTE II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
(LEYECO II)
Tacloban City
Tel. Nos. (052) 321-4292, 321-2809, 321-3710

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Leyte II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO II) invites suppliers to pre-qualify and bid the following items:

1.	5	units	75 KVA Dist. Transformer, Conventional, Pole Mounted
2.	15	units	50 KVA Dist. Transformer, CSP, Pole Mounted
3.	25	units	37.5 KVA Dist. Transformer, CSP, Pole Mounted
4.	25	units	25 KVA Dist. Transformer, CSP, Pole Mounted
5.	10	units	15 KVA Dist. Transformer, CSP, Pole Mounted
6.	10	units	10 KVA Dist. Transformer, CSP, Pole Mounted

NOTE:

All CSP transformers must include attached primary arrester, primary fuse and appropriate secondary over load and short circuit protection.

All items must have the following specification or design to wit:

Voltage: HV winding - 7620/13200 Volts, LV winding - 120/240 Volts
Basic Insulation Level (BIL): HV winding - 95 KV, LV winding - 30 KV
Operating Frequency: 60 hertz
Guaranteed Impedence: 2.0%, Tolerance: +/- 10%
Polarity: Additive, Class OA (Self Cooled), core type with a high-voltage no-load Tap changer, with two, 2½% taps below and above rated voltage and operational by an external handle.

Transformers with losses exceeding the following limits are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected.

KVA Rating	No-Load Losses	Full-Load Losses
75	138 Watts	635 Watts
50	110 Watts	515 Watts
37.5	82 Watts	378 Watts
25	59 Watts	289 Watts
15	34 Watts	226 Watts
10	28 Watts	121 Watts

Pre-qualification of bidder conference will be on **October 15, 2002** at LEYECO II office, Sagkahan District, Tacloban City at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The following documents have to be presented to wit:

a. Letter of Intent
b. Original of Suppliers License/Accreditation
c. Certificate of Registration from RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FINANCING CORPORATION (REFC)
d. Business Permit
e. SEC Registration
f. Copy of the latest Financial Statement and latest income tax return
g. Company profile

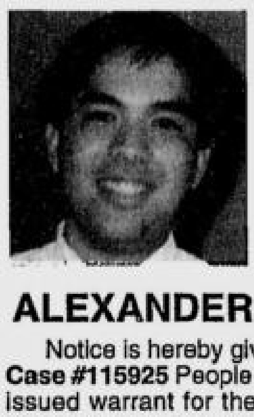
Bidding documents shall be issued to pre-qualified bidders upon payment of non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00). Opening of bids will be on **October 29, 2002.** Time and venue will be discussed during the pre-bid conference. Sealed offers must be accompanied by a bid bond equivalent to 5% of the total bid offered.

Leyeco II reserves the right to reject any or all, to waive any formality thereof and to accept only such bids are advantageous to the cooperative, the decision of the cooperative is final and binding.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. VICENTE C. MAJADILLAS, JR.**
PBAC Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 6, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Criminal
Case # 115925
(RTC Pasig BR. 165)
w/ outstanding
WARRANT OF ARREST

ALEXANDER (Xandy) S. DE VRIES

Notice is hereby given that RTC Pasig BR165, **CRIMINAL Case #115925** People of the Phil. vs. Alexander De Vries, has issued warrant for the arrest of Alexander De Vries of New Manila whose picture above reportedly now at Fremont & Union City, **California.**

REWARD shall be given to anyone who can provide info leading to his **ARREST**. Pls. contact Atty. RJ Calma at tel. 0916-3681077.

(PDI - Oct. 6, 2002)

Trans Co
NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Regional Operation & Maintenance

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-11A

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
DATE OF BIDDING: NOVEMBER 05, 2002; 2:00 PM		
A1 200 PCS	INSULATORS, SUSPENSION COMPOSITE	3CSA-02-134
A2 200 PCS	INSULATORS, SUSPENSION COMPOSITE	3CSA-02-128
A3 300 PCS	INSULATORS, SUSPENSION COMPOSITE	3CNA-02-085
A4 200 PCS	INSULATORS, HI-LITE, XL, SUSPENSION	3CSA-02-212

NOTE : A Pre-Bidding Conference for bidding schedules A1-A4 will be on **October 22, 2002** at 10:00 AM/SLT Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **September 30, 2002.** No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 P.M. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Initial Technical Proposals of eligible bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 40."

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 1% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Draft, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or 1.5% of the approved budget in the form of Bank Guarantee, or 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) **R.D. RAMAS**
MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
TRANSCO SOUTH

(PDI-Oct. 6, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CENTRAL OFFICE
Bids and Awards Committee

Bldg. No. 3 San Lazaro Cmpd.,
Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Telefax No. 743-7236
Trunkline No. 743-83-01
Local # 1338

INVITATION FOR BID

Loan No. : 1396-PH(SF)
IFB No. : ICHSP-2002 004LAN

1. The Government of the Philippines through the **Department of Health (DoH)** has received a loan from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** towards the cost of the **INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT (ICHSP)**, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Local Area Network Equipment to ICHSP Replication Provinces.**
2. The DoH desires to procure the Goods described and itemized in the Bid Document through International Shopping in accordance with the applicable guidelines of the ADB, and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Local Area Network Equipment to ICHSP Replication Provinces.

SCHEDULE OF BID ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES	DATE	TIME
Issuance of Bid Documents	September 30, 2002	
Deadline of Issuance of Bid Documents	November 4, 2002	
Pre-Bid Conference	October 22, 2002	2:00 PM
Deadline of Submission of Bids	November 6, 2002	2:00 PM
Opening of Bids	November 6, 2002	2:01 PM

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the **Procurement and Logistics Service (PLS), 2nd Floor, Building 25, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.**
4. Complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder at this address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP5,000.00)** or **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY US DOLLARS (US$250.00)** including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be in cash, or in the form of a bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons, telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
5. A pre-bidding conference will be held on the scheduled date at the ICHSP conference room, **4th Floor, Philippine Tuberculosis Society (PTS) Building, Tayuman Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila.**
6. Bids must be delivered to the address stated below on or before the deadline of submission of bids, after which all bids will be immediately opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of not less than two percent (2%) of the Total Bid Price in the currency of the bid or any freely convertible currency. Late bids shall be rejected.

CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Ground Floor, Building No. 3
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila

7: The DoH reserves the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive any minor defects or infirmities therein to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to DoH and to local health units.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary of Health and
Chairperson, COBAC

(PDI - Sept. 28 & Oct. 6, 2002)

TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE

LGTM Corporation with **MR. TEODORO N. CAMACHO IV** as president has been offering lots for sale at the 50,000 square meter property located at **Munting Mapino, Naic, Cavite,** which is calls the **ST. JULIANNE HOMES (formerly JOJO VILLA SUBDIVISION).**

Please be informed that all these lots are involved in a litigation, 2 Civil Cases and Criminal Case IS No. 02-146 filed last **February 14, 2002** and pending before the Provincial Prosecutor's Office of Imus, Cavite.

The owner's duplicate copies of the lot's titles are all in the possession of our client, the Marcbilt Realty and Development Corporation (MRDC).

RICARDO J.M. RIVERA LAW OFFICE
Counsel for MRDC

(PDI - Oct. 6, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID
Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for the:
Supply of:
VARIOUS EQUIPMENT (BRAND NEW AND RECONDITIONED)
for the Sugar-ACEF Related Projects
(3rd Public Bidding)
Approved Budget: Php 77,016,998.00

To be delivered to different points in the Philippines

Only pre-qualified bidders as of October 30 shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on **November 29, 2002** at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-qualification forms shall be issued starting **October 8, 2002** and the deadline for the submission of said requirements shall be on **October 29, 2002.**

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on **October 30.** Thereafter bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php 500.00 each.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on **November 15** at the SRA Lobby at 9:00 a.m.

All bids must be accompanied by bid bonds in the amount of 2.5% of the total cost of the tender or offer - either in cash, Manager's check or surety bond issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission or any combination thereof.

For further inquiries, please call:
THE SECRETARIAT
SRA Bidding and Awards Committee
Tel. No. 929-68-37

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality or defect therein, and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA.

(Sgd.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
Administrator

(PDI--Oct. 6 & 13, 2002)

2-DAY AUCTION SALE

On the Instructions of EEI CORPORATION

OPERATIONAL AND NON-OPERATIONAL
CRANES & HANDLING EQUIPMENT; CONCRETE EQUIPMENT;
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT; SERVICE VEHICLES, ETC.

IN OVER 400 LOTS INCLUDING:

DAY-1 SALE

CRANES & HANDLING EQUIPMENT - KATO, R.T. 20T cap.; GROVE 27T cap. Truck Mounted Cranes; DAEWOO FD50M 5T cap. Forklift
(3) INTERNATIONAL 10m³; (2) KENWORTH 7.6m³ Transit Mixers; Asstd. Electric & Engine Driven Vibrators; Asstd. Single Bagger Mixers; Asstd. Cutters; Asstd. Buckets
TRANSPORTATION - (3) FREIGHTLINER; (2) WESTERN; INTERNATIONAL; FUSO Truck Tractors; (2) ISUZU 10W Dropside; (2) HINO, (2) FUSO Dropside Trucks w/ Boom Arm; ISUZU 6 x 4 Dump Truck; (3) ISUZU Fuel/Water Trucks; Asstd. ISUZU, KIA, NISSAN Service Vehicles; (3) FRANCISCO Jeepnyes, (2) Flat Bed Trailers, etc.
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT - MILLER, LINCOLN, DENYO Welding Generators, Asstd. Electric Arc Welders; Plate Compactors; Tamping Rammers; KUBOTA, LEROY SOMER Tower Lights; SULLAIR, LEROI, DENYO Air Compressors; FERMONT, GM, Diesel Generators, etc.

DAY-2 SALE

UNUSED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT - (2) AUSA 150DG Rigid Chassis Dumpers; (2) SAKAI HV80 Vibratory Compactor; SAKAI MDL-VT80J Tamping Rammer; (4) BOSS 2000Kg cap. Pallet Jacks; (9) LM56 Mucking Machine Shovel Loader; (5) LINCOLN CV400, R3R500, R3R400 Welding Generators; (5) PHOENIX Dry Rod Ovens; (50) Electrode Stabilizing Ovens; (2) PHOENIX 400 BT Floor Type Electrode Ovens; PUTZNECHT Universal Pump
MOBILE PLANT - KENWORTH, (4) PETERBILT Transit Mixers; CATERPILLAR 12F Gader; Wheeled Front Loader; CATERPILLAR Hydraulic Excavator; WIRTGEN Cold Milling Machine; (2) DAIHATSU Charades; (2) Asphalt Trailers
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT - (2) Asphalt Trailers; Concrete Pump; Concrete Cutter; Asstd. Generators; Asstd. Welding Machines

ON: FRIDAY 11TH AND SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2002 10:30AM SHARP
ON VIEW: WEDNESDAY 9TH AND THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2002
9:00AM - 5:00PM AND MORNING OF SALE DAYS
LOCATION - DAY 1 SALE: EEI CORPORATION, MAJADA OUT, CALAMBA, LAGUNA
LOCATION - DAY 2 SALE: PHILROCK YARD 353 WEST BANK ROAD, FLOODWAY, BRGY. MAYBUNGA, MANGGAHAN, PASIG CITY
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT: PHP30,000 (UPON REGISTRATION)

NEGOTIATED SALE

TOWER CRANES - (2) COMEDIL CTL-130 H20 Luffing (1994); COMEDIL CTL-130 H16 Luffing (1994); (2) POTAIN E2/23B Static; (2) POTAIN EO/23B Open
CONSTRUCTION ELEVATORS - PEGA K-15, 140m 1.5T cap. Single Cage (1995); (2) PEGA K Hoist 140m 1.2T cap. Single Cage; HEK PLA 1253 1.2T cap. Twin Cage (1995)
WORKING PLATFORMS - (12) HEK URK 500 Mast Type Finishing
CONCRETE BATCHING PLANTS - Trailer Mounted 30m³/hr cap. Manual Loading; 30m³/hr cap. w/ CARDINAL Weighing Mechanism, 30m³/hr cap. w/ KATIGAWA Weighing Mechanism, 15m³/hr cap. w/ TOLEDO Weighing Mechanism Wet Type Fully Automatic; 60m³/hr cap. w/ TOLEDO Weighing Mechanism Dry Type Fully Automatic

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E-mail: manila@henrybutcher.com
www.henrybutcher.com

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

UNDP

Consulting Services for the National Survey of Detainees: A Research Component of the Baseline Study Project to Monitor Access to Justice by the Disadvantaged (PHI/98/006 & PHI/02/007)

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites consultants to apply for eligibility and to bid for the "National Survey of Detainees", a research component of the baseline study project to Monitor Access to Justice by the Disadvantaged.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines through its Action Programme for Judicial Reform (2001-2006) is targeting its efforts in achieving a judiciary that is independent, effective and efficient, and worthy of public trust and confidence. The funding support from UNDP's Democratic Trust Fund contribution, and contribution from the Government of Switzerland, aims to strengthen results-orientation in the development and judicial reform programs, enabling the Supreme Court to monitor the impact of judicial reforms, supporting the Supreme Court and other government agencies to improve their data-gathering systems in monitoring access to justice on a sustainable basis.

The project therefore requires the services of a consulting firm to conduct a survey to generate data on the situation and circumstances of persons prior to detention.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PhP 1,000.00 from the following address:

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City
Tel. No. (632) 892-0611 loc. 275
Fax No. (632) 816-4061 / 893-9598
Email Address: bc_admin.ph@undp.org

The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested participants starting October 7, 2000 to October 11, 2002 only. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, bid opening dates and other schedules for this activity.

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Rizal High School's building and grounds were destroyed during the Second World War. Classes were reorganized in 1945 in Pasig Elementary School. The construction of a new building was started on Feb 4, 1949 out of the War Damage Fund in the amount of P101,445.49 during the incumbency of Gov. Sixto Antonio and completed on Aug. 15, 1949.

The original RHS Building Circa 1916

The creation of the Metro Manila Commission under P.D. 824 in 1975 dislocated Rizal High School which was then under the Rizal Provincial Government. For three months, the salaries of the teachers and non-teaching personnel had been delayed. Nobody would take responsibility for the school. It was only resolved when the Metro Manila Commission, through the efforts of Ismael Mathay Jr., assumed the responsibility financially and the school had been given to and integrated in the meantime with the Division of Quezon City.

Later, the Pasig Municipal Government through the instruction of MMC, took care of the fi
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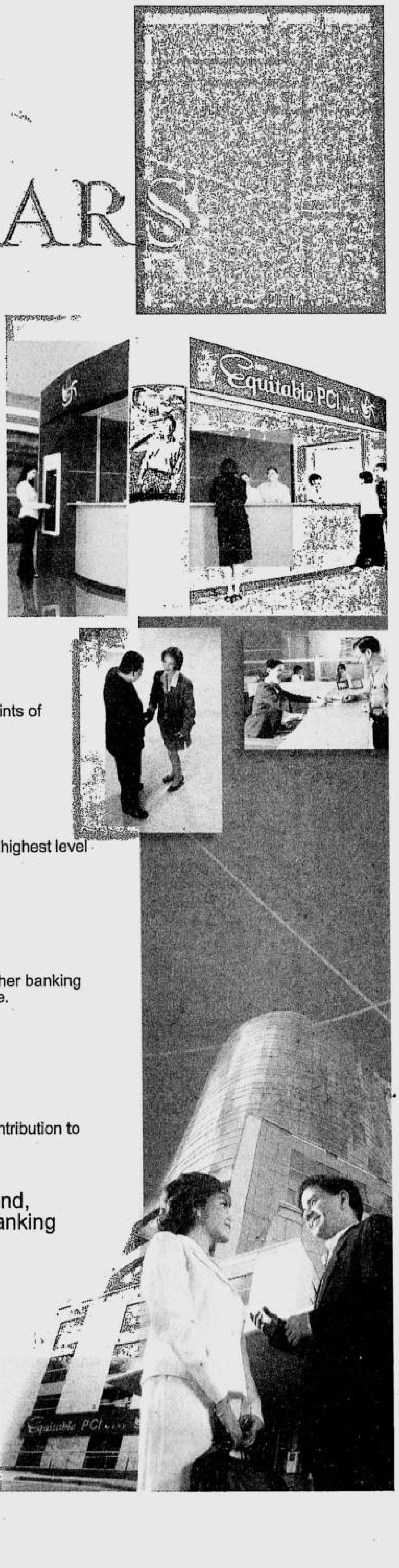

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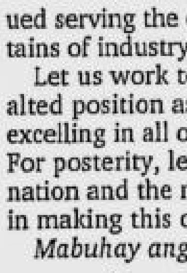

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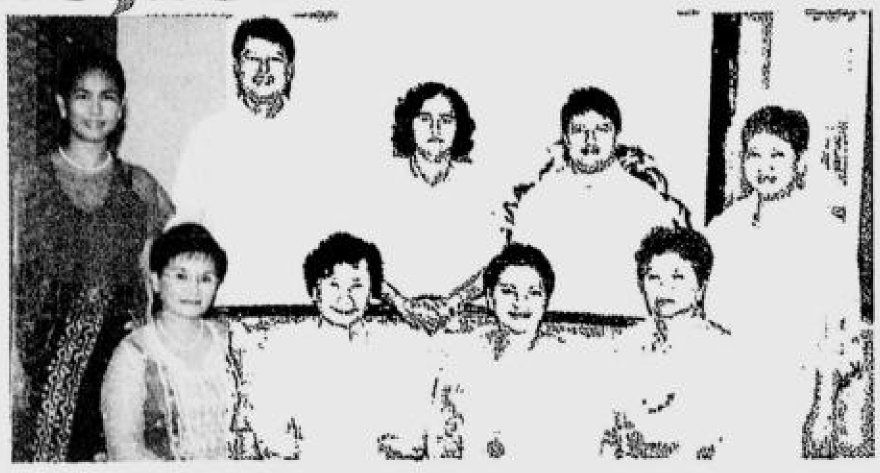

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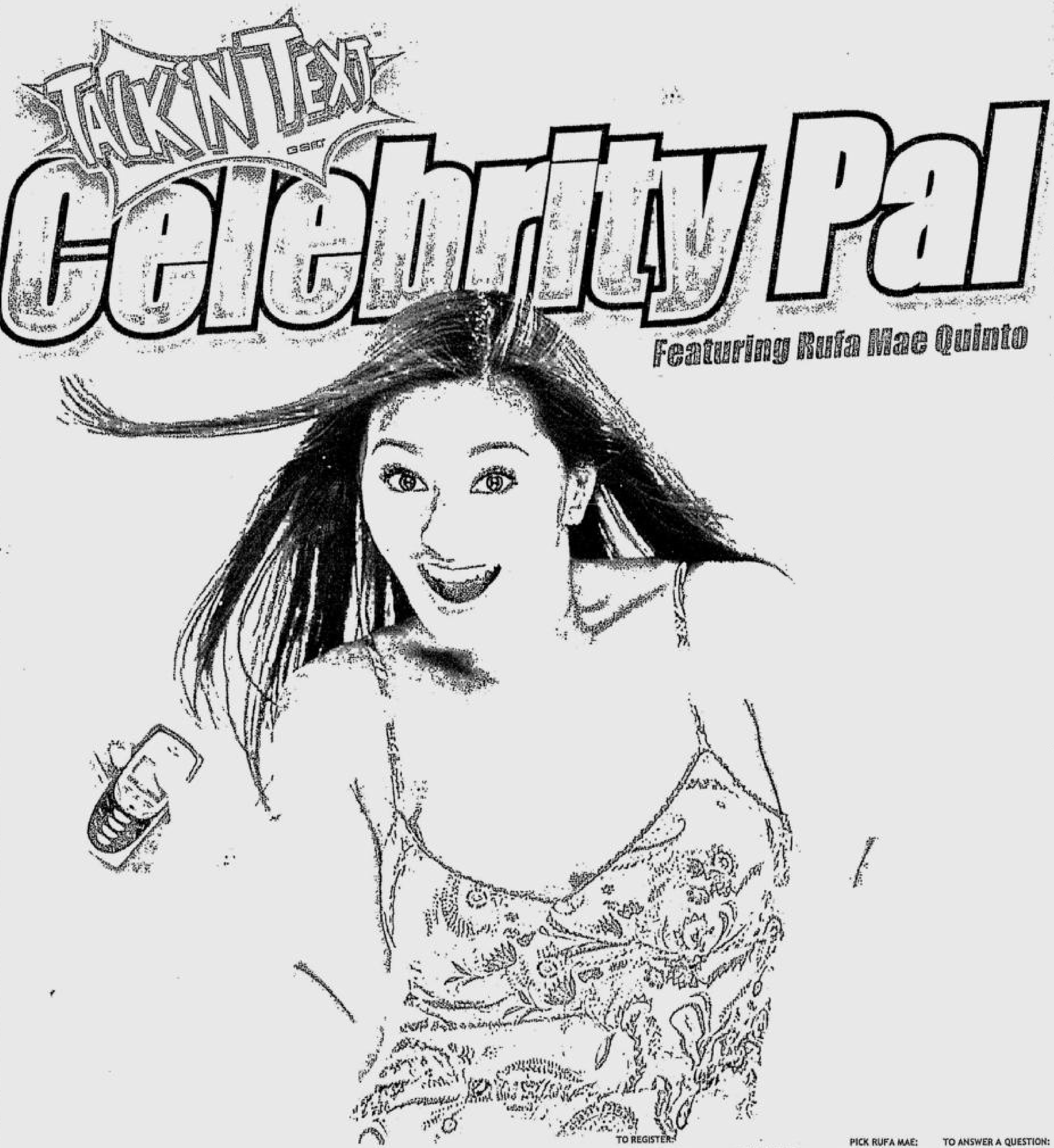

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Narcisa Yap Kho

peacefully joined her Creator on Oct. 3, 2002 at the age of 83.

Her loving children **Judy & Ben Ang, Benny & Liz Kho, Helen & Job Sy,** grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Aguinaldo Chapel,
La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (Manila Memorial Park)
Sucat, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2002, 10:00 A.M. at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family and relatives of the late

Hernando Tria Balibay

who joined his Creator on September 28, 2002

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flower, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of bereavement.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of those who love Him."
Psalm 116:15

Paz Ramos Bernabe

of Norzagaray, Bulacan

was called into the Presence of Our Lord Jesus on October 3, 2002 at the age of 88.

Her loving memory rests deep in the hearts of her sisters (†) **Prima R. Bernabe, Dr. Marina B. Buizon, Milagros Almendras-Gener** and **Dr. Concepcion E. Bernabe** and their respective families.

Her body lies in state at Chapel G, Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City and will be moved to Norzagaray on October 9, 2002, Wednesday at 9:00 am.

Interment will be on October 9 at Norzagaray Cementery, Bulacan after 1:00 pm Mass at San Andres Church, Norzagaray.

LUCIANA PILONGO FRANCISCO

of Meycauayan and Marilao, Bulacan

Joined her Creator on October 3, 2002 at the age of 77.

Her bereaved husband **Jose "Pepe" Francisco Jr.**; children and children-in-law **Girlie** and **Ruben Balamiento**, **Beck** and **Manny de Guzman**, **Malou**, **Blessie** and **Vic Marquez**, **Joy** and **Lia Francisco**; grandchildren **Patrick** and **Benjo**, **Patricia**, **Carlo** and **Lea**; sister, brothers, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state in her residence at #10 Melon Road, Constantino Subdivision, Poblacion II, Marilao, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at Meycauayan Memorial Park (Pandayan), Meycauayan, Bulacan after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Church, Marilao, Bulacan.

Bienvenido H. Carlota

of Cape Coral, Florida, USA

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on October 2, 2002 at the age of 74.

His bereaved wife **Cecilia**; children **Elpidio & Angie, Benjamin (†) & Annie, Corazon & Eddie Supleo, Teresita & Tetsuo Oyamada, Ma. Bella & Manny Guevara, Bienvenido Jr. & Loy, Noel & Jacky, Cecil & Eric Diño, Edwin & Cristina, Joy & Francis Tañedo, Norman & May;** grandchildren, brothers and sisters, in-laws, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be announced later.

"Come, blessed of my Father, says the Lord Jesus, and
take possession of the Kingdom prepared for you"
Matthew 25:34

Francisco "Paquito" Carlos Garcia

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
at the age of 78.

His bereaved wife **Fely**; children and grandchildren:

Boyet and **Nory** - **Dennis, Dindo, Derrick** and **Frances**;
Theresa and **Jerrell** - **Keith** and **Stephanie**;
Papum and **Bebeth** - **Nina, Yssa** and **Mian**;
Nong and **Mariros** - **Consi** and **Fernando**;
Lissed and **Louie** - **Rona** and **Philip**;

and relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 8. Place of interment will be announced later.

ARCHBISHOP PHILIP F. SMITH, OMI, D.D.

Archbishop Emeritus of Cotabato

Journeyed back to the Father on September 30, 2002 at the age of 77 in Cotabato City, Philippines

Interment will be on Monday, October 7, 2002, at the Cathedral grounds after the 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist at the Immacualte Conception Cathedral, Cotabato City.

Loving prayers from the Archdiocese of Cotabato, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and friends.

"God has put into my heart a marvelous love
For the faithful ones who dwell in His land."
Psalm 16

EDUARDO B. NOVELOSO

Peacefully joined his Creator on October 3, 2002
at the age of 45.

His loving wife **Gloria**; children **Edel Aris, Viktor Gari**, and **Vikki Razel**; father **Hermogenes**, siblings and grandchildren, request for prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the **Noveloso residence** in **Dagupan City**.

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Matthew 11:28

TEODORA DE GUZMAN TOLENTINO

of San Juan, Metro Manila

Peacefuly joined her Creator on October 5, 2002 at the age of 71.

Her loving husband **ROMARICO**; children **ANNETTE, SUZETTE, PAULETTE** and **VLAD**; grandsons **NATHAN MARI** and **JOHN DYLAN**; relatives and friends request the readers to pray for her eternal happiness in heaven.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at the North Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Whoever finds his life will lose it,
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Matthew 10:39

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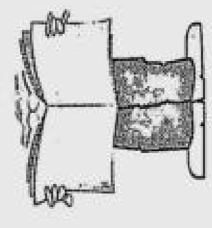

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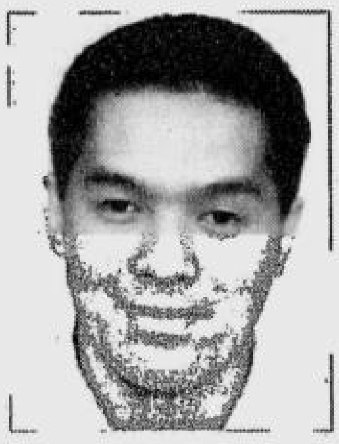

GERALD ALUNAN DEL PILAR

A warrant of arrest has been issued by the Regional Trial Court Branch 137, Makati against **GERALD ALUNAN DEL PILAR** whose picture appears herein with last known address in 2035 Laon Laan Street, cor. Instruccion Street, Sampaloc Manila.

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CLUSTER III (CENTRAL LUZON)

1. Malolos, Bulacan
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3. Angeles City, Pampanga
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5. Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija
6. Camiling, Tarlac
7. Capas, Tarlac
8. Dinalupihan, Bataan
9. Gerona, Tarlac
10. Iba, Zambales
11. Morong, Bataan
12. Olongapo City
13. Palayan City, Nueva Ecija
14. Paniqui, Tarlac
15. San Fernando City, Pampanga
16. San Jose City, Nueva Ecija
17. Tarlac City, Tarlac
18. Victoria, Tarlac

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1. Bacolod City, Negros Occidental
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3. Banga, Aklan
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to be charged against the funds appropriated for the Maintenance of the HOJ (MOOE). The prospective bidder's Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) based on his net working capital must at least be equal to the approved budget for the contract to be bid.

Prospective bidders shall indicate the cluster they want to bid for and the type of service they want to render. Those bidding for more than one cluster shall file separate pre-qualification form/bids for each cluster.

Prospective bidders may secure pre-qualification requirements from Mr. Ernie Sasis, Committee on Halls of Justice, 7th floor, Centennial Building, Supreme Court, Padre Faura, Ermita, Manila from September 30 to October 7, 2002, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-qualification requirements will be furnished the prospective bidders after payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00.

I. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All pre-qualification requirements of prospective bidders must be personally submitted by the authorized representatives as follows:

a. for JANITORIAL SERVICES - on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Session Hall, SC;
b. for SECURITY SERVICES - on or before Wednesday, October 16, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Session Hall, SC.

The Committee on Halls of Justice shall evaluate the pre-qualification requirements on the respective scheduled dates of submission.

II. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

The pre-bid conference for pre-qualified bidders for JANITORIAL and SECURITY services shall be on Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23, 2002, respectively at 10:00 a.m. at the Old Session Hall, SC.

III. OPENING OF BIDS

Only bids of pre-qualified bidders for janitorial and security services who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives.

a. for JANITORIAL SERVICES - on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the Old Session Hall, SC.
b. for SECURITY SERVICES - on Wednesday, November 6, 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the Old Session Hall, SC.

The Supreme Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids or offer, waive any defect or informality therein and accept the offer which it deems most advantageous to the Court.

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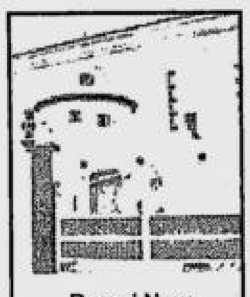

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(PDI-Oct. 6, 13 & 20, 2002)

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late MA. RITA REY ROCES consisting of Real Property was extrajudicially settled and dist. among her heirs as per Doc. 276; Page 56; Book IX-A; Series of 2002 before Notary Public Amado E. Villafuerte of Quezon City.
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'JEWELRY OF THE MILLENNIUM'

Not gold, but silver glitters in Baguio

By Maurice Malanes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—What pioneers started out with a silver teaspoon in 1916 in a Catholic school for boys here is now a full-blown industry, proving that not only gold, but silver glitters.

Shortly after American colonial officials founded Baguio as their official summer resort in September 1909, Belgian CICM (Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) missionaries came in 1910, setting up a school with 10 boys as their first pupils.

Finishing grade school in 1916, the boys were eager to pursue high school, but many of them could hardly afford it.

Fr. Florimond Carlu, a Belgian CICM missionary, and a community of Belgian ICM (Immaculate Heart of Mary) sisters thought of a way out for the boys—a vocational workshop, which was incorporated in the high school program.

At the workshop, the missionaries taught the boys skills in carpentry, shoemaking, hat weaving, leather craft, tailoring and silver craft. After finishing high school, many turned their craft know-how into business in the booming town.

But the school continued to develop and perfect the silver craft industry, which, at that time, used raw materials from the neighboring mines in Benguet established by American colonial soldiers turned gold prospectors.

"The story is now told and retold that the first silver product students made at the workshop was a simple teaspoon," says Sister Mary van Broech, who now oversees the Saint Louis Silvercrafts, a silver jewelry shop with its own production assembly line.

Some perfected their silver craft making at the school and eventually became teachers of the craft. Some pursued silver craft as a trade while some high school graduates continued to work part-time at the school's silversmith shop to pursue other careers in college.

The rest, as they say, is history.

As the Saint Louis Silvercrafts shop continues to flourish, other enterprising local traders picked on the silver craft business, which Belgian missionaries pioneered in the city.

Ibay's

Shortly after they were wed in 1973, Avelino and Evelyn Ibay borrowed P5,000 from Evelyn's sister, who was working in Canada. They invested the money in the silver jewelry business in 1974.

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When the Internet started as a simple network of computers used mainly by scientists, researchers and academics, no one predicted it would turn into a new global medium. The World Wide Web, the most-often accessed part of the Internet, has sites that equal (sometimes, exceed) the broadcast media in terms of production values and visual style, while the contents rival that of found in print.

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Saving our public school system

By Alfredo Hernandez
Contributor

"SHE'S the slowest in her family so her father said, 'Why don't you just be a teacher?'" This line in a scene from the film "Mga Munting Tinig" is fictional, but the conditions the movie depicts are not.

Lack of classrooms, textbooks, teaching aids and teachers are just some of the problems that the Department of Education has had to contend with year after year.

Annual enrolment has been rising steadily, but the achievement rates of public elementary school pupils in English, math, science and social studies have hovered at just 50 percent since 1996.

The teaching and learning environment in most public schools has been a growing cause for concern for many of us. Just read INQUIRER columnist Amando Doronila's piece on the crisis in education on today's front page and you'll see why.

> Achievement rates of public elementary school pupils have remained stagnant in the last five years, a worrisome sign of the failing public school system

A few months ago, the Foundation for Worldwide People Power (FWPP) conducted a series of meetings with educators and organizations to find out if there were any initiatives being taken by private individuals and organizations to help the public school system.

We found out two things: first, that there is a law called the Adopt A School Act of 1998, which seeks to encourage private sector support for public schools, and second but more amazingly, that there are literally hundreds of organizations—religious, civic and corporate—with programs and projects designed with the welfare of public schools, its students and its teachers in mind.

Here are a few notable examples:

- The Philippine Business for Social Progress has a national program called "Empowering Schools To Excel."
- The Educational Research and Development Assistance Foundation has a national program designed to bring drop-outs back to school and maintain them there until their families can support them.
- The Ibon Foundation Education for Development promotes "transformative education" to realize quality, effective, relevant and nationalist education through partnership with schools.
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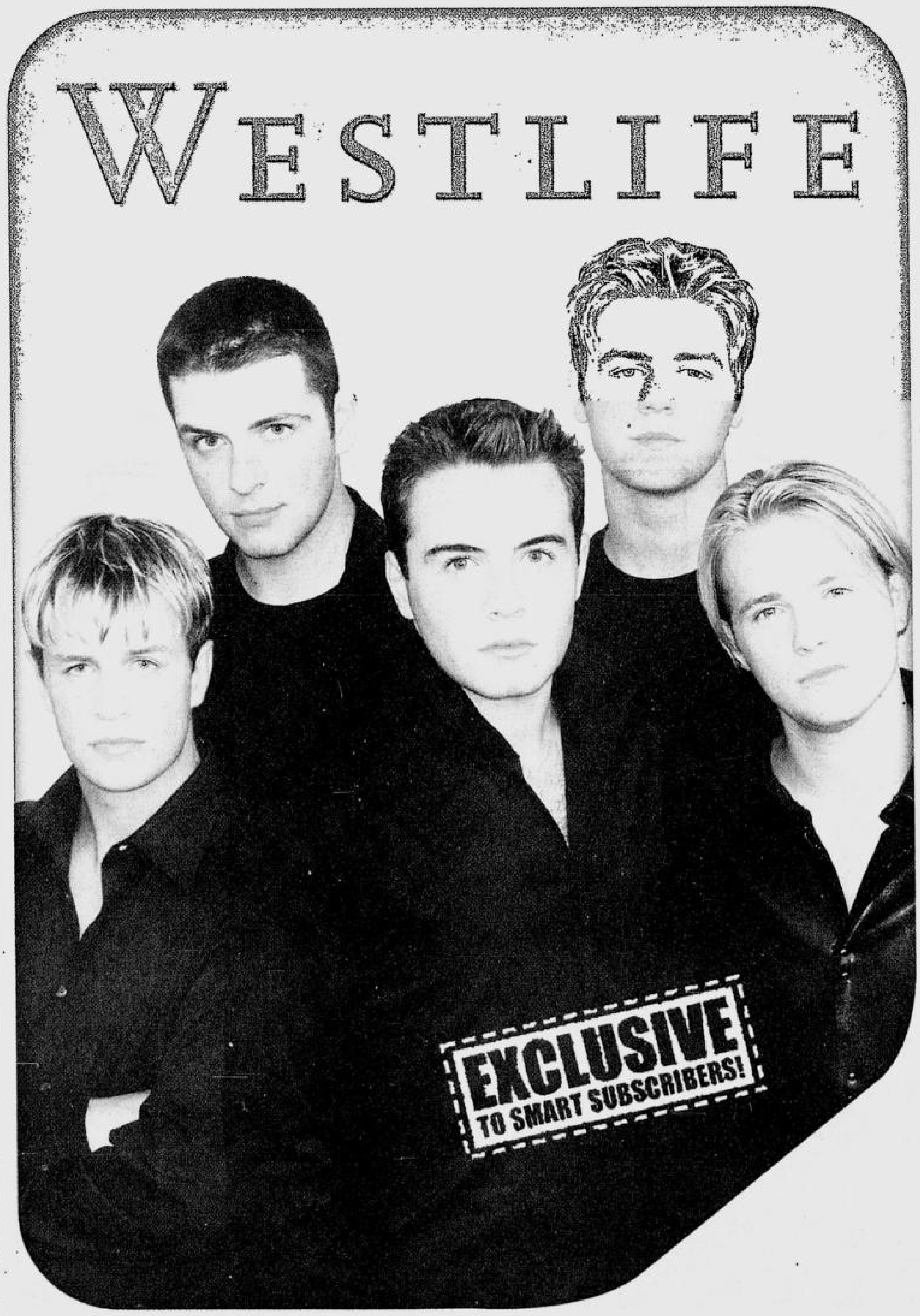

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Night of classics with Trio la Tache

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Jaime Picornell

THE EMBASSY of Switzerland, the Swiss Consulate in Cebu and the Arts Council presented the highly acclaimed Trio la Tache in an unforgettable concert held at the main salon of Europa Restaurant on Ramos Street. Only 100 seats had been reserved but due to the deluge of calls to the Arts Council, 50 seats were added.

Arts Council president **Petite Garcia** and VP **Vivina Yrastorza**, assisted by young Swiss gentleman **Steven Schuerch** in full costume, and two pretty girls in dirndls—**Chantal** and **Ishtar** welcomed all the guests. Their proud papa, **Helmut Haas**, was visibly radiant.

The occasion was graced by the new ambassador-designate to the Philippines, **Lise Favre**, who came from Manila with the embassy's chancellor **Hans Peter Wiss**. Welcome remarks were delivered by Swiss consul in Cebu **Markus Stern**, who mentioned his 26-year stay in the Philippines. He came as a teenager, and has been involved in varied works of mercy (prison conditions, crippled children, a blood bank) as well as cultural activities. He wrote and published a collection of Philippine folktales.

VIVINA Yrastorza, Lise Favre, Petite Garcia and Alice Plaza

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STEVEN Schuerch, clarinetist Urs Brugger, Ishtar Haas, pianist Hansjorg Koch, Chantal Haas and cellist Curdin Cora

LISE Favre, Hans Peter Wiss and Markus Stern

No surprise then that his grandfather willed him a magnificent piano made of walnut wood, which Markus immediately shipped to Cebu. It is now the centerpiece of Europa's dining salon, and never was it put to better use than by Trio la Tache.

Sitting in the front row with Ambassador Favre were **Tomas Koechli** and **Wai Heng K. Chan**, both directors of the Union Bank of Switzerland, special sponsor of the concert. Also present was councilor **Gabriel Leyson**, in his role as Cebu's acting mayor since **Tommy Osmeña** (the mayor) and **Mike Rama** (vice mayor) were out of town.

Great applause greeted **Urs Brugger** (clarinet), **Curdin Coray** (cello) and **Hansjorg Koch** (piano) as they took their places. The first number was Mozart's Trio in E-Flat for Clarinet, Cello and Piano, also known as "Kegelstatt." It is said that Mozart composed it in 1786 after a game of skittles, but, by any reckoning, the work is extremely dense and cerebral. And yet, Trio la Tache played it with such lilting lightness that it seemed effortless.

Next came four "Trio Miniatures" by Paul Juon (who was born in 19th-century Russia, spent most of his youth in Berlin and, by the 1930s, settled in Vevey where he obtained Swiss nationality). "Reverie," "Humoreske," "Elegie" and "Dance Phantastique" left everyone at the concert spellbound.

The best part was the finale, of course: Trio for Piano, Clarinet and Cello by Brahms. Restrained and concentrated, its four movements depict polished workmanship and more than just romantic warmth. Everything in the composer's mind was captured in Trio la Tache's rendition of it. Bravo, bravo, cheered the audience.

A reception in honor of Favre followed, and everyone wanted to know her impressions of the Philippines after 10 days of her arrival.

What does La Tache mean? **Jo Magsaysay** wanted to know. It's a place in Burgundy. What would she have liked for an encore? Lise Favre's eyes sparkled as she said, Juon's "Humoreske."

George Rondina, Europa's general manager, did a marvelous job of supervising the excellent service. All chairs were cleared in record time, and the buffet never seemed to run out of Swiss cheeses, Swiss air-dried ham, freshly baked *kiche* and Raclette melting over hot potatoes. Blush, white and red wines flowed like springs from an Alpine landscape.

Close to the evening's end, Favre gave her impressions of Cebu. "I will surely come back; I'll make an official visit, too," she said. Petite and the rest of the Arts Council chorused that she could come back as many times as she liked, official or otherwise. "Most welcome," they said.

Jeffrey Solares, conductor of the Strings Ensemble of the Peace Philharmonic based in Cebu, was present, and said that they're planning a series of concerts starting February next year. Meanwhile, every Sunday at lunch, the string quartets alternate playing at the Cebu City Marriott Hotel. On Dec. 22, they will be featured in a concert prepared by the Arts Council with UK cellist **Matthew Barley**.

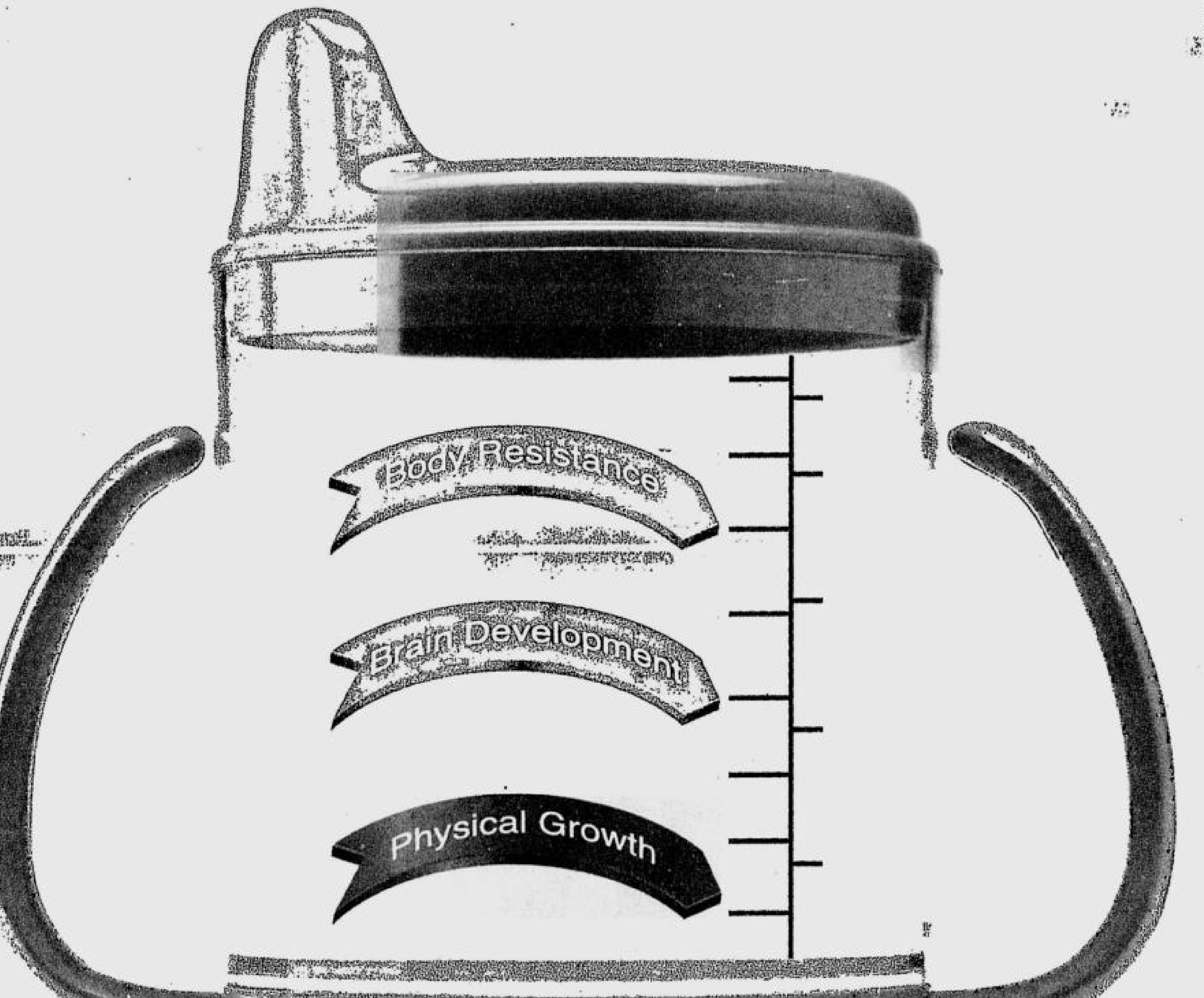
These are busy days for the Arts Council, what with the European Union's Cine Europa film festival on its second Cebu stint this weekend. And another film fest opening on Oct. 8 with Israeli Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba** hosting a reception to introduce "Yana's Friends." The Israeli films will be shown all day on Oct. 9-10 at Cinema 3 of the Ayala Center.

More events coming up:

On Oct. 14, at SM Cebu's Theater 1, Ambassador **Stanislav Slavicky** of the Czech Republic will present two of his country's most awarded films of recent times. The occasion will also mark Czech National Day. After Cebu, the films will be shown in Davao where **Gilbert Go** is the honorary consul.

Speaking of films, Consul General **Wu Lianqi** of the People's Republic of China is also discussing a fest of award-winning Chinese films with Petite Garcia.

On Oct. 20, 8 p.m., the Arts Council and Instituto Cervantes present Tres Sopranos, featuring Spain's **Ana Luisa Espinosa**, with Filipinas **Rachelle Gerodias** and **Josephine Roces-Chavez**. It will be at the City Sports Club Cebu, and the program is a delightful collection of Spanish and Philippine art songs. **Tetta Ba-ad** and **Elvira Lu Ym** are in charge. Instituto Cervantes director **Javier Galvan** has signified his attendance.



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My sister who lives in the US suggested that I take up nursing and work there. She promised to support my studies, which I could finish in two years. Al told me that he would allow it but only on the condition that I would drop everything and marry him when he declares that he's financially ready—or he would leave me. Also, he said that when we're married, he would not like us to live or work in the US.

I don't want to lose this chance for a better future, which will also benefit my own family later on. My family, I'm sure, will also be disappointed if I choose Al instead of this opportunity. I've explained these to Al, but he won't change his position. My friends think that Al is being selfish and too proud, but I love him and I don't want to lose him. How do I get out of this dilemma?

CONFUSED

You won't be in this dilemma if, like Al, you believe that in a happy marriage, being with the man you love is more important than being financially well-off.

That doesn't mean that you are being materialistic. It seems that for you, a happy marriage means both being with the man you love and being financially well-off. And who can quarrel with that?

Al is saying, though, that what you want is to have your cake and eat it too. And he's got a point. Most married couples, indeed, start with having just each other and then work at having financial security later.

But the important point, I believe, is that Al and you have that opportunity now. Why wait for later?

Perhaps Al is afraid that this opportunity comes with big risks—like, he could lose you to some other guy in the States, or you could end up with a bigger salary than what he earns. If those possibilities bother him, then he rejects your plan not because he is selfish or too proud, but because he is insecure.

Would you be happy with such a man? Would you be happy in a marriage where your husband would reject opportunities to improve your family's lot just because those opportunities presented themselves to you and not to him? Would you be happy with a man who, after having been united with you in marriage, would still see your accomplishments as solely yours, his achievements as solely his? Would you feel fulfilled with such a man, and would your love for him survive the strains?

If you answer "no" to all of them, then you should part ways because you could not make each other truly happy.

Recognition day and livelihood lectures for senior citizens set

THE QUEZON City Parks Development Foundation Inc., headed by its chair Justice Emilio Gancayco and president Charito Planas, announces the holding of Recognition Day for Senior Citizens at the Quezon Memorial Circle's Liwasang Aurora today.

The event is in conjunction with the celebration of Elderly Filipino Week from Oct. 1-7 under Presidential Proclamation No. 470, honoring the elderly in recognition of their pivotal contribution in the development of the nation.

Carrying the theme: "Nakatatanda: Ulirang Mamamayan, Kaakbay sa Pagsulong ng Bayan," the week-long celebration will have the participation of senior citizens who have showcased their outstanding talents in their respective fields of specialization: Dr. Helena Benitez, Dr. Fe Fernandez, Luz Gonzales, Dr. Minerva Laudico, Dr. Estefania Aldaba Lim, Justice Ines Leonor Luciano, Tiya Dely Magpayo, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma, George Canseco, Dr. Emmanuel Gatchalian, former Sen. Jovito Salonga, Arch. Ildefonso Santos and former Sen. Arturo Tolentino. Social Welfare Sec. Corazon Juliano-Soliman and Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. will hand over plaques of recognition to these senior citizens who have excelled in their diverse fields.

Livelihood lectures starting at 4 p.m. on candle making, Christmas décor and *nito* making are provided by the Quezon City Social Services Development, headed by Ma. Theresa Mariano. Medical lectures on healthy aging, osteoporosis, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease and other ailments affecting the elderly will be given by Dr. Doris Camagay of the St. Luke's Geriatric Center to senior citizen attendees.

A cultural show dubbed as "Katuwaan ng Nakatatanda, Puwedeng-Puwede Pa!" will provide free entertainment to the public at the Circle's Liwasang Aurora from 5-7 p.m.

The public is cordially invited. Admission is free.

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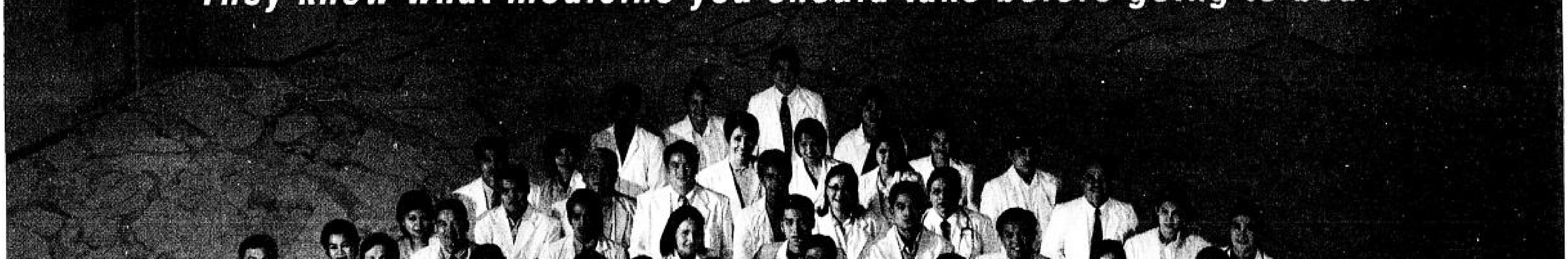

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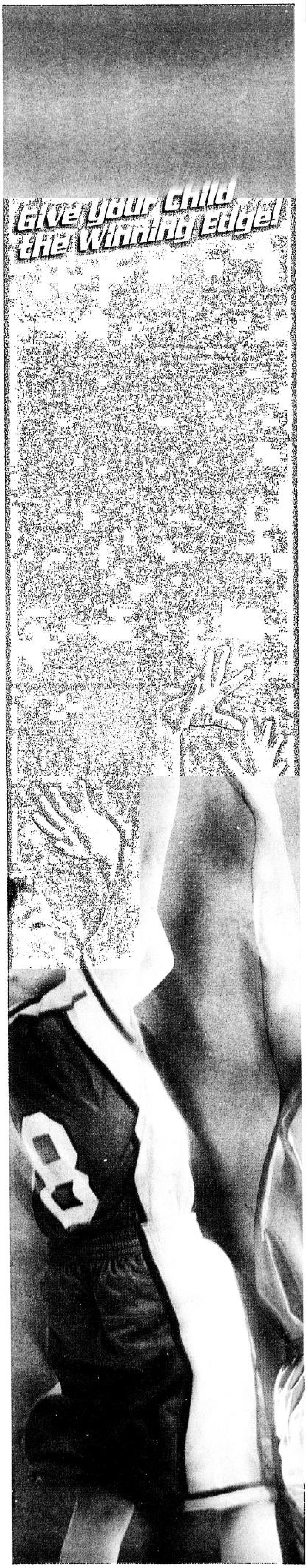
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Champions of education

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Donation of books and reference materials for 100 elementary and high schools nationwide

Ateneo Center for Educational Development
A support center for public schools that features state-of-the-art training in school management development and improvement of teachers' content knowledge, instructional skills and classroom management skills

ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.
Scholarships, student support and infrastructure projects

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Ayala Foundation
It has the Center for Excellence in Public Education program, which provides quality education at par with that of the best private schools, to bright and promising students from poor communities.

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Non-stock, nonprofit organization that conceptualizes education development programs

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Couples for Christ Education Ministry
Value-formation programs and establishment of 70 preschools nationwide

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Ford Foundation
International funding agency which supports Ateneo's Pathways to Higher Education Project for the talented but poor youth

Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education
An association representing universities, colleges, government agencies and the private sector, Fuse develops and distributes curriculum-based audio-visual materials and implements projects which seek to improve and upgrade educational standards through improved teacher training especially in science, mathematics and English.

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Intel Philippines Manufacturing Inc.
Provides support for the training of high-school teachers in 1,255 high schools nationwide

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Ministry
Offers scholarships for vocational and technical courses for poor children.

Makati Business Club
Through its ConnectEd.ph project, provides 90 public high schools nationwide with computer laboratories, software, training and Internet connections

Manila Jaycees
Provides scholarships and textbooks

Mayor Angelito Gatlabayan
"Books on Wheels" project for Antipolo

Mayor Jaime Fresnedi
Scholarships and construction and repair of school buildings in Muntinlupa

Metrobank Foundation
Special awards and grants for teachers and education projects

Meralco Foundation
Scholarships

Meros International Foundation
Provides assistance for the construction of classrooms at the Sublan National High School in Benguet

Opus Dei
Scholarships, value-formation programs and teacher training

Pathways to Higher Education
Provides poor youth with the chance for a college education by addressing such needs as lack of academic preparation, inadequate family income, lack of self-esteem and lack of educational resources

Petron Foundation
Provides assistance for the construction of school buildings for 19 elementary schools, including toilets, water system and classroom equipment

Philam Foundation
Scholarships

Philippine Business for Social Progress

Philippine Star
Adopted a school in the Mountain Province in June 2002 as part of its 16th anniversary

Project SSPEEd
The Sectoral Support for Public Elementary Education (SSPEEd) of the Ateneo Center for Educational Development is a three-year project with the Department of Education and the local school boards. It aims to develop support from the school community as well as business and civic groups to improve the quality of public elementary education.

Puso ng Siemens
Textbooks and reference materials donation

Rotary Club
Funding support for scholarships and textbooks

STI Flite (Foundation for Leadership in Information Technology Education)
IT Scholarships

Task Force Eskwela ng Bayan
Multimedia/video learning modules development and production

UCPB CIIF Foundation
Scholarships

UP STT Center
Mobile IT Classroom project

Ws Family Foundation and Amvel Corp.
Funding support for Ateneo's Project SSPEEd

This list is by no means complete. The Foundation for Worldwide People Power encourages you to send your organization's name, address and a brief description of what you do, for inclusion in the database.

Saving our public school system

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There are other education-oriented projects of the private sector. All of them deserve our admiration.

The FWPP is so impressed with the different initiatives that it humbly volunteers to help in establishing a national database of all organizations involved in educational improvement. Public schools and other parties can use this as a development resource. The FWWP also volunteers to facilitate public schools in linking with organizations that are in the best position to help them.

The Foundation has been in existence since 1996. It envisions a sustained multisectoral mobilization of efforts and resources for the general improvement of the Philippine public school system—from physical facilities to teaching skills, to value formation. Some of its past projects are:

- "Duet for Edsa,"a two-volume set "to inform and inspire freedom-lovers everywhere." Volume One is titled "Chronology of a Revolution" and written by Angela Stuart-Santiago. It chronicles the four days of the Edsa revolution with a straightforward narrative backed by extensive research, interviews from first-hand sources, including Pulitzer Prize winning RP photos of the San Francisco Examiner's Kim Komenich. Volume Two, titled "Looking Back, Looking Forward," brings together 10 authors to discuss the different aspects of Philippine life affected by Edsa during the last decade.
- "Dead Aim: How Marcos Ambushed Philippine Democracy" by Conrado de Quiros. This extremely readable book has become a valuable reference tool for students and historians doing research on the Martial Law years.
- "Batas Militar"- an award-winning video documentary on Martial Law. Directed by Jon Red from a script by Lito Tiongson, it includes Martial Law footage never before seen on Philippine television and exclusive interviews of personalities who figured prominently during the 14-year Marcos regime.
- "Himagsikan sa Edsa: Walang Himala!" Written entirely in Filipino, this book is a historical narrative of the Edsa Revolution, from the time Cory Aquino called for a boycott of all Marcos crony companies up to the day Marcos was airlifted to Hawaii. This book was written to help high-school students understand Martial Law and the Edsa Revolution.
- "Lakas Sambayanan." Intended to be the "definitive" documentary on People Power, this video, narrated by popular film star Cesar Montano, traces the roots and development of People Power from the First Quarter Storm of 1970 to the ouster of President Joseph Estrada in January 2001.
- The FWPP was a convenor, together with the Ateneo de Manila University and the Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Foundation, of the Conference on the Legacies of Authoritarianism in September 1999.

The board of trustees of FWWP is composed of Eugenia Duran Apostol, founding chair of the INQUIRER; Felicitas Aquino Arroyo; former UP president Jose Abueva; Centro Escolar University executive vice president Maria Lim Ayuyao; political columnist Amando Doronila; former energy secretary Delfin Lazaro; and Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus.

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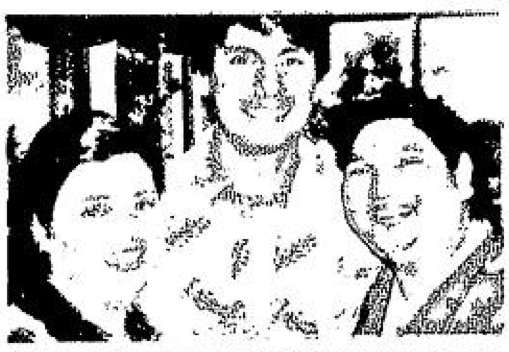
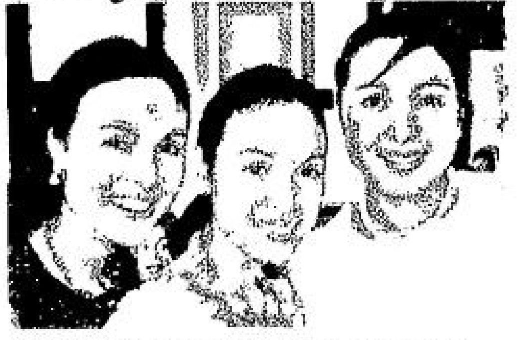


RICHARD Gomez with Nadia Montenegro and Anna Castillo



BARRETTO sisters Gretchen, Claudine and Marjorie

EDWIN Arce, Ben Chan and Perry Deen

GELLI de Belen and sons in hula gear

Juliana Torres Gomez marks her birthday in style

JULIANA with mom Lucy

TEESAW

Raul Teehankee

JULIANA Torres Gomez recently celebrated her birthday in style. At the age of 2, she had the best children's party! When she was born, she was featured in major newspapers and her cute mug was splashed all over the news channels.

This year was an even bigger celebration, and the theme was "hula" at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club ballroom. Blame all the hoopla on her parents, **Richard Gomez** and **Lucy Torres**, who are among the most photographed and beautiful couples in the Philippines today.

The food prepared by **Millie Reyes** had both adult and children's fare. Spaghetti, hotdogs, marshmallows, Arce Dairy ice cream and cotton candy were devoured by over a hundred noisy kids. The "oldies" were content as they feasted on *pancit Malabon*, ham and *lechon*, occasionally going out to the balcony for a smoke.

Games galore kept the kids interested. Clowns and mascots entertained them with juggling and card tricks. It was a celebrity-packed event and there were a number of future movie stars.

Here's a shortlist of Juliana's guests: **Barretto** sisters **Gretchen**, **Marjorie** and **Claudine**; **Santiago** brothers **Raymart** and **Randy**; **Yllana** brothers **Jomari** and **Anjo**; **De Belen** sisters **Janice** and **Gelli**; **Rosa Rosal**; **Douglas Quijano**; **Carmina Villaroel** with her twins, and lots and lots of children, family and dear friends.

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CARMINA Villaroel with her son

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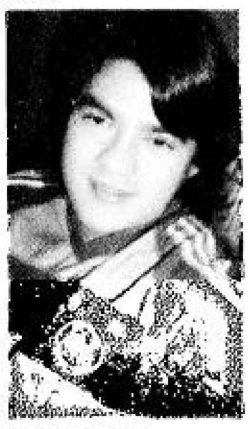

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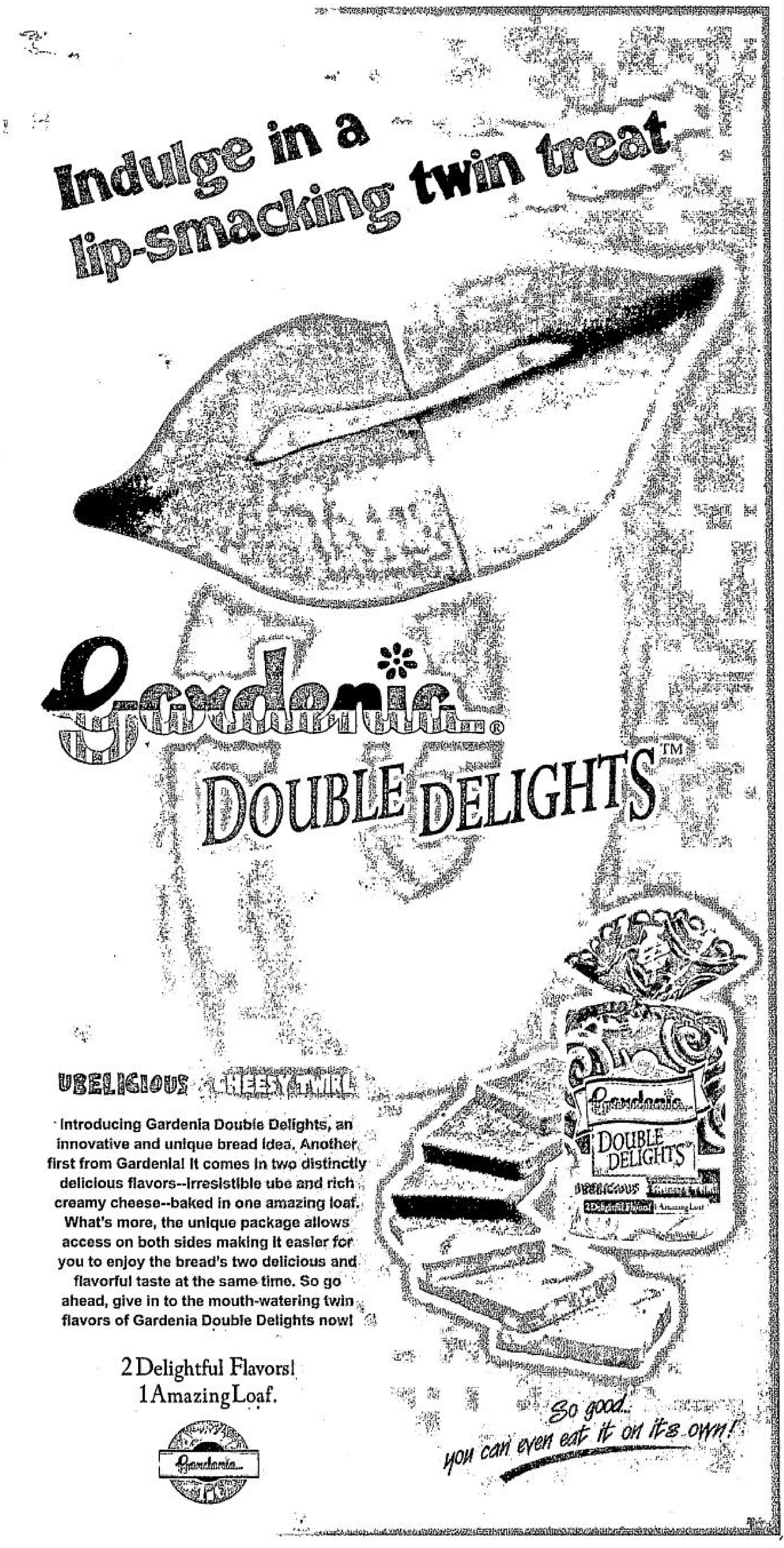

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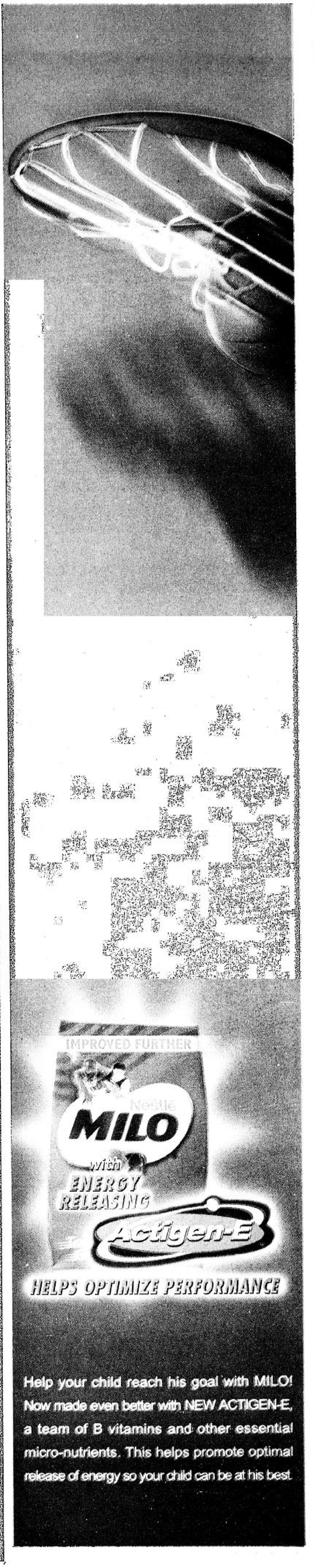

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Pope John Paul II declares Blessed Josemaria Escriva's sainthood today

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

BLESSED Josemaria Escriva arrived in Rome for the first time on June 23, 1946 from Barcelona on the old steamer J. J. Sister. He lived and worked in the Eternal City for 29 years. He collapsed in front of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and died on June 26, 1975. The last word he uttered was "Javi," referring to present Prelate Opus Dei Bishop Javier Echevarria. Because of the holiness of his life and the miracles attributed to his intercession, the cause for his beatification immediately began. He was beatified on May 17, 1992 in Rome, together with Mother Josephine Bakhita.

Today, he'll be declared a saint by Pope John Paul II at 10 a.m. (3:30 p.m. Manila time). As Opus Dei has grown in membership since 1964 and more Filipinos are becoming aware of it, at least 3,000 Filipinos are in Rome to be part of the canonization. About 220,000 pilgrims have come from 84 countries to witness this glorious event.

I am blessed to be part of this occasion—a wish that I have been praying for months. Together with 12 other companions, we are now in Rome to be inspired, touched and healed. It is said that during a saint's canonization, miracle healings happen.

And to think that I only attended an Opus Dei Mass last Jan. 9 at the Manila Cathedral to mark the birth centenary of the founder of Opus Dei. Escriva revealed to me ways to holiness.

Sanctification in daily work

Blessed Escriva believed that one could be holy by sanctifying one's work. One can be holy by simply following what the Lord has said from the beginning: obey the Commandments; love one's neighbor as yourself; love the Lord thy God. By offering one's work for the greater glory of God, one is led to be efficient in one's work, committed to serve humanity and honest in doing one's job. As a young priest, on Oct. 2, 1928, Fr. Josemaria Escriva founded Opus Dei in Madrid to pursue this way of life.

Why canonization

On December 20, 2001, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved a miracle attributed to Blessed Josemaria Escriva involving the cure of an orthopedic surgeon who had been suffering from chronic radiodermatitis, an incurable skin disease. The miraculous cure came to Dr. Manuel Nevado, a Spanish doctor who contracted the disease in 1962 at work. In 1992, Dr. Nevado traveled to Madrid for an appointment at the Ministry of Agriculture. Luis Bernardo, a civil servant, noticed the wounds on his visitor's fingers so he offered a prayer card of Blessed Josemaria Escriva. Dr. Nevado prayed to Escriva and placed himself under his protection. Since he started praying to him, the redness of his fingers had begun to disappear. After it was completely cured, he was able to return to work.

Veneration

Last Oct. 3, the remains of Blessed Escriva were transferred to the Roman Basilica of St. Eugene at Via delle Belle Arti for veneration by the faithful until Oct. 9. The following day, at 11:30 a.m., after the canonization on Oct. 6, a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Bishop Echevarria. Together with regional vicars of Opus Dei in St. Peter's Square, various cardinals and bishops will be saying Masses in various Roman churches in 15 languages on Oct. 8 and 9.

On Oct. 10, thanksgiving Masses will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Eugene. The first is at 10:30 a.m., with Msgr. Fernando Ocaris, and the second, at 5:30 p.m., with Bishop Echevarria.

After the last Mass, the remains of the saint will be transferred to the Prelatic Church of Our Lady of Peace on Viale Bruno Boussi.

Watch the live telecast of the canonization rites on EWTN and Channel 4 at 3:30-5:30 p.m.

'God alone suffices!'

While trekking the path to spirituality, one becomes aware that what Sta. Teresa de Avila said centuries ago is true: "Solo Dios *basta*!" meaning "God alone suffices!"

When everything is said and done, one feels an emptiness, or even despair, especially when has not done anything for others. This happened to a friend who had lived a hedonistic lifestyle. He woke up one day feeling empty and unhappy. He cried and cried. He searched for ways to fill up that emptiness until he found God. His life changed—now he is into social work.

By reading Escriva's biographies and writings, I found the path that I should continue—doing apostolate and spreading the Good News through my column.

What they say about Escriva

We share the great joy of Opus Dei at the canonization of Monsignor Escriva. As the Pope has said so many times, "Charisms are a gift of God and hope for mankind." The charism of the founder of Opus Dei, that of seeking sanctity in ordinary life, in work, is becoming even more a patrimony of the whole Church.

Precisely at the beginning of this new century, when the Pope in Novo Millennio Ineunte has strongly reaffirmed the need to live ordinary Christian life at a higher level, to live holiness, there shines with greater clarity the beauty and the timeliness of this gift of the Holy Spirit, so that, together with the other charisms which have been brought forth in our time, the laity can contribute effectively to the renewal of the world of work, of politics, of economic life, of art and of communications, and bring the soul back to the various social environments.—**Carla Cotignoli, Focolare**

It is remarkable how different the charisms and characters of the saints in the Church are. At times they even seem to be opposed to one another, but when you come to know the life and spirit of each one deeply, one ends up perceiving the common denominator that unites them: that of being a reflection of Christ's way of being the saint par excellence. This is the case with two of the great personalities of the Catholic Church of the 20th century: Blessed Josemaria and Mother Teresa. Among those points in common, I cannot fail to point out their great love for the Church, for the Pope, for sacramental confession; or their undisputed faith in the value of prayer as the point of departure for all apostolic activity; and so many other aspects, such as their capacity to undertake ambitious initiatives in the service of others.

Among many others, I would like to comment on a point that is particularly characteristic of the charism of Mother Teresa: her love for the poor, the sick, the dying—in short, for those most in need of help. In them, Mother Teresa saw Christ himself.

In the life of Blessed Josemaria, we also encounter a great commitment to help Christ present in those who are suffering...a great effort of social commitment to improve the conditions of all human beings. The poor, the sick, the abandoned were the weapons he used to win the battle of getting Opus Dei underway. In both cases, in that of the founder of Opus Dei and in that of Mother Teresa, the root of this commitment is found in faith, which made them see Christ in every person.—**Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, postulator of the cause of canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Our Lady of La Leche

Baby Ticzon Gonzales' apostolate is to spread the devotion to Our Lady of La Leche. She sent us these announcements:

Oct. 11 will be the feast day of Our Lady of La Leche. This date is adopted from the feast of the Divine Maternity, inasmuch as the image of our Lady of La Leche portrays her as a mother breastfeeding her infant child, Jesus. A special Mass will be celebrated at the Harrison Plaza chapel where copies of the new "Prayerbook for Mothers and Mothers-to-be" will be given away to pregnant women who will attend the 12-nn Mass. Later, this newly launched prayer book will be available for sale at the Libreria de San Jose, also at Harrison Plaza; Inspiration bookstore at Edsa Shangri-La Mall and Center for Peace, Lopez Rizal Street, Mandaluyong City.

BLESSED Josemaria Escriva

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

Those who have not seen Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico can call Elenita Grande at 631-9571 or (0916) 345-2793. Included in the itinerary is a visit to the shrines of St. Peregrine and San Juan Capistrano in Los Angeles. Departure is on Oct. 20.

New bishop of Sorsogon

Bishop Arturo Bastes, SVD, succeeded Bishop Jesus Varela as the new bishop of the Sorsogon diocese. Bishop Varela recently celebrated his 35 years as a bishop.

San Lorenzo Ruiz in Legazpi

Erlinda Gonzales Bellesa, diocesan chair of the San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila Diocesan Guild in Legazpi, wrote to say that parishes marked the feast day of the saint on Sept. 28. A shrine marker was unveiled in Tabigui-an, Tabaco City.

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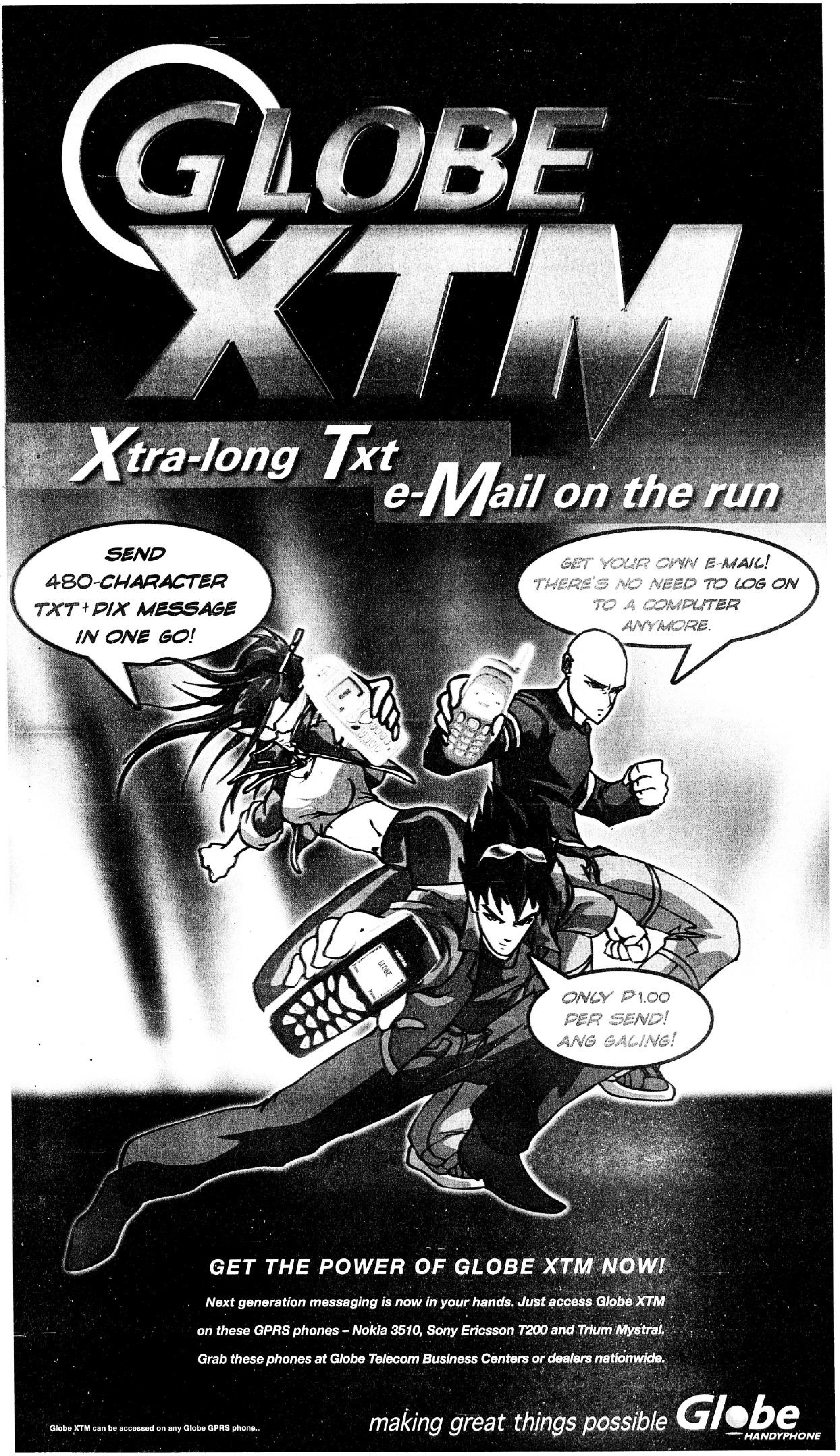
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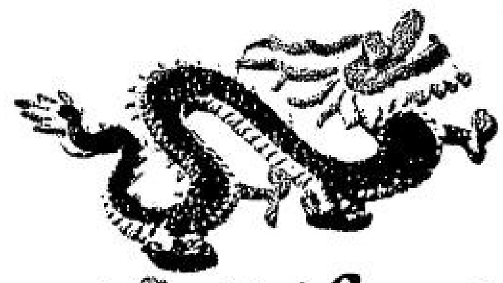

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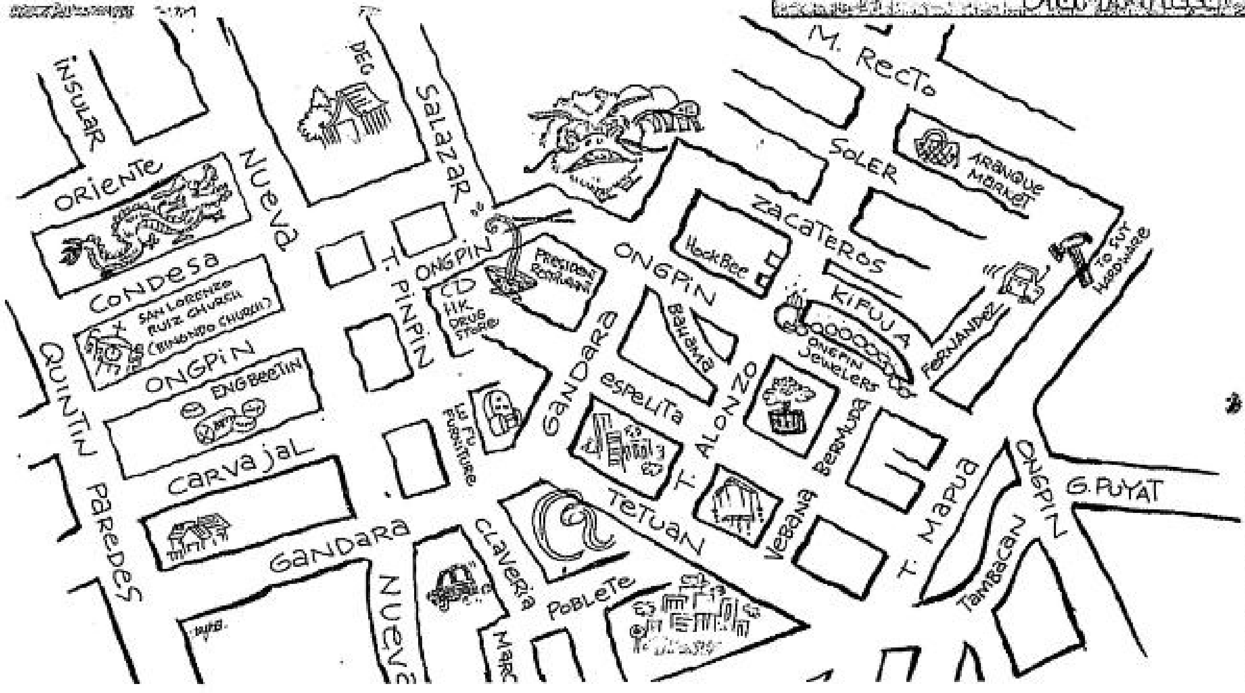
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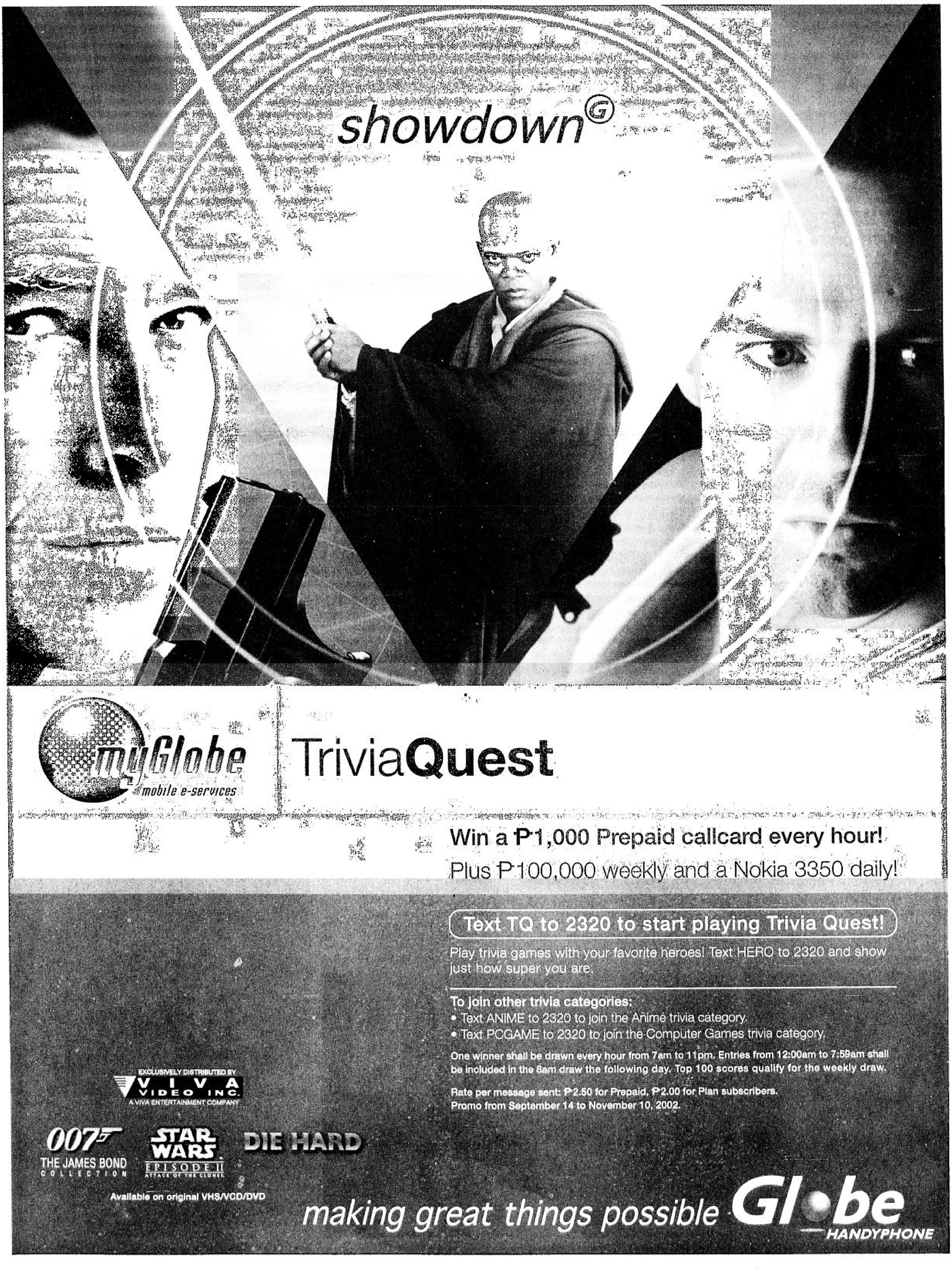
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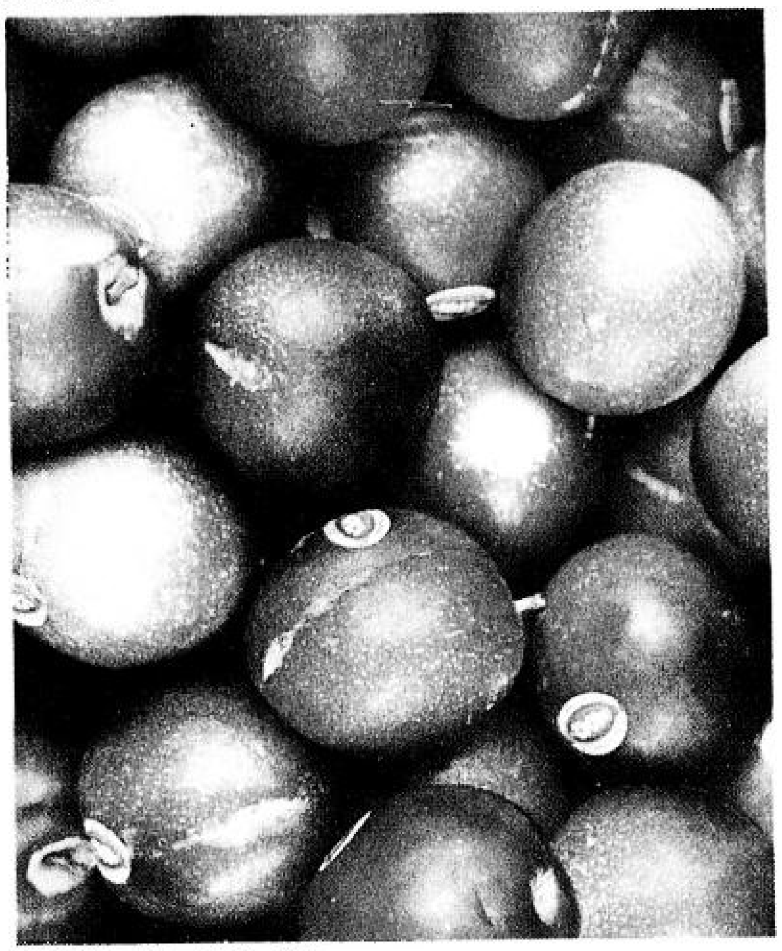

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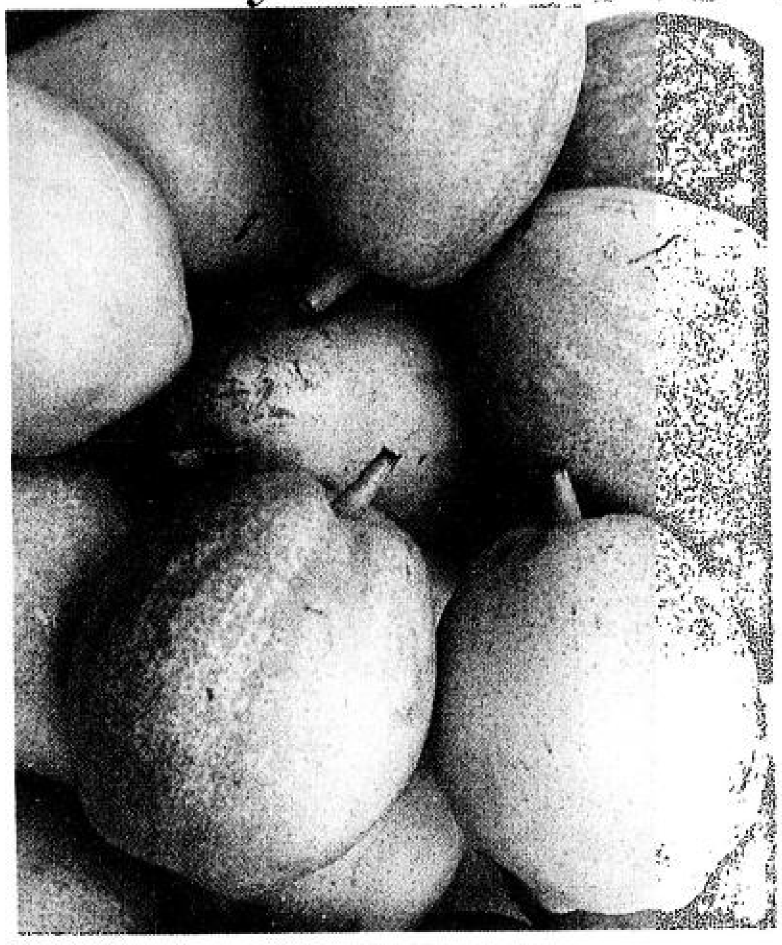
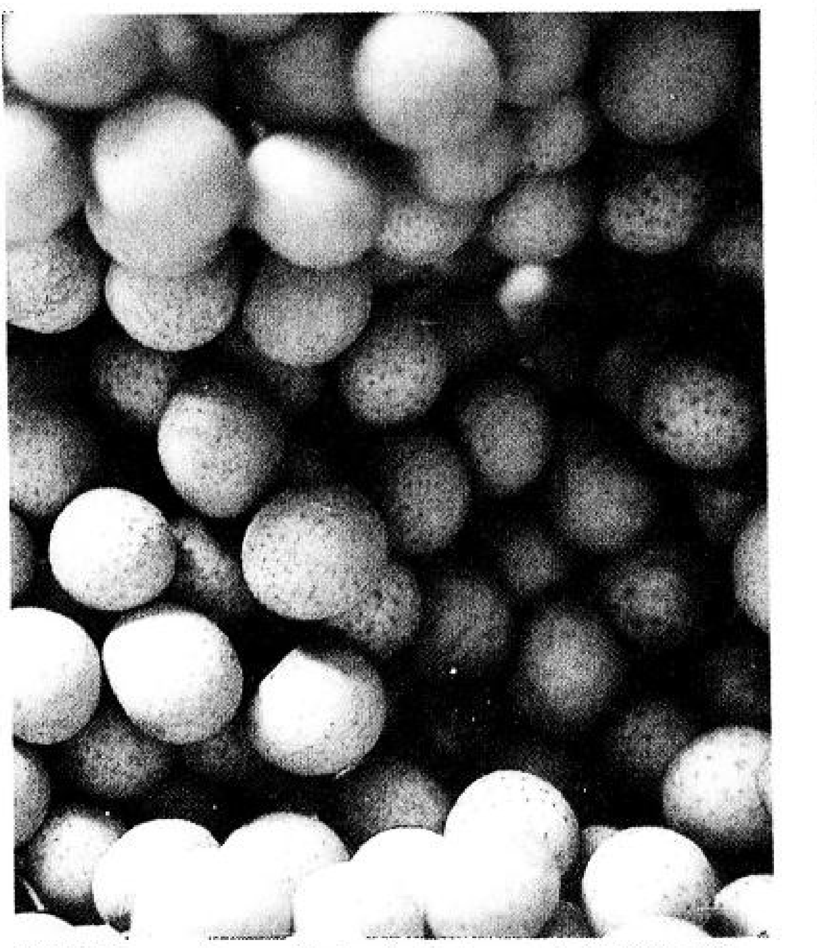


SMALL green pears sell for P95 a kilo.



LONGAN, sometimes mistaken for lychees, sells for P90 a kilo.

Rare finds in Arranque's fruit and vegetable sections

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Mike Alquinto

WITH the revitalized Divisoria just a skip and a hop away, the Arranque Public Market on the edge of Manila's Chinatown seems to have become exclusive to people of Chinese descent who still go for delicacies traditional to their original culture.

> This area presumably caters to those same patrons who buy the exotica that the market is known for

Reputed to be mainly a source of such exotic "food" as turtle, snake and a few other things people would probably prefer not to be mentioned in polite company, many ordinary market-goers apparently also give Arranque a wide berth because of the notoriety of Claro M. Recto, one of the streets bounding it. There must be something about the pickpockets of Recto that, although their colleagues certainly also operate in other public markets, many people seem to be particularly wary of those plying their "trade" on the street named after a great Filipino nationalist.

In fact, the first thing one "experienced" market-goer, who has no qualms about wading through the clutter of Divisoria or the congestion of Quinta in Quiapo several times a month, said was: "*Maraming mandurukot doon.*" Her sagely advice: Enter Arranque from the other end and avoid Recto, presumably in order not to get up close and personal with the sticky fingered denizens of the avenue.

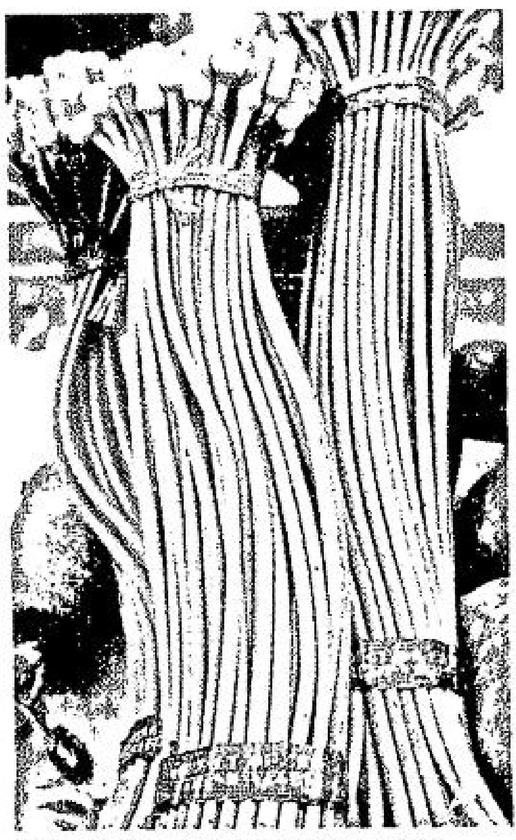
Restaurateurs and caterers also find it cheaper and more convenient to get the fresh produce they need from Divisoria instead of anywhere else. One caterer said she visited Arranque once just to check out how it compared with Divisoria and decided she was still better off going for that extra kilometer.

A well-known floral stylist, who frequents Chinatown and is pretty savvy with the layout of Divisoria and Tutuban, knows of Arranque only for its reputation as a source of the doves released during wedding receptions.

Market of exotica

For the bold-hearted, however, who may have to have her purse chained to her person in order not to be separated from it as she explores Arranque, the market is quite a delight with its exotic and rare vegetables, as well as more familiar ones that seem to be just bigger, longer or crisper there. Presumably, the fruit and vegetable sections cater to those same patrons who buy the exotica that the market is known for.

Many of the fresh produce, imported from China, Taiwan, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, among others, can only be found in the upscale supermarkets at prices that scare off ordinary shoppers even from just touching, lest they cause damage that they will have to pay for the rest of their lives.



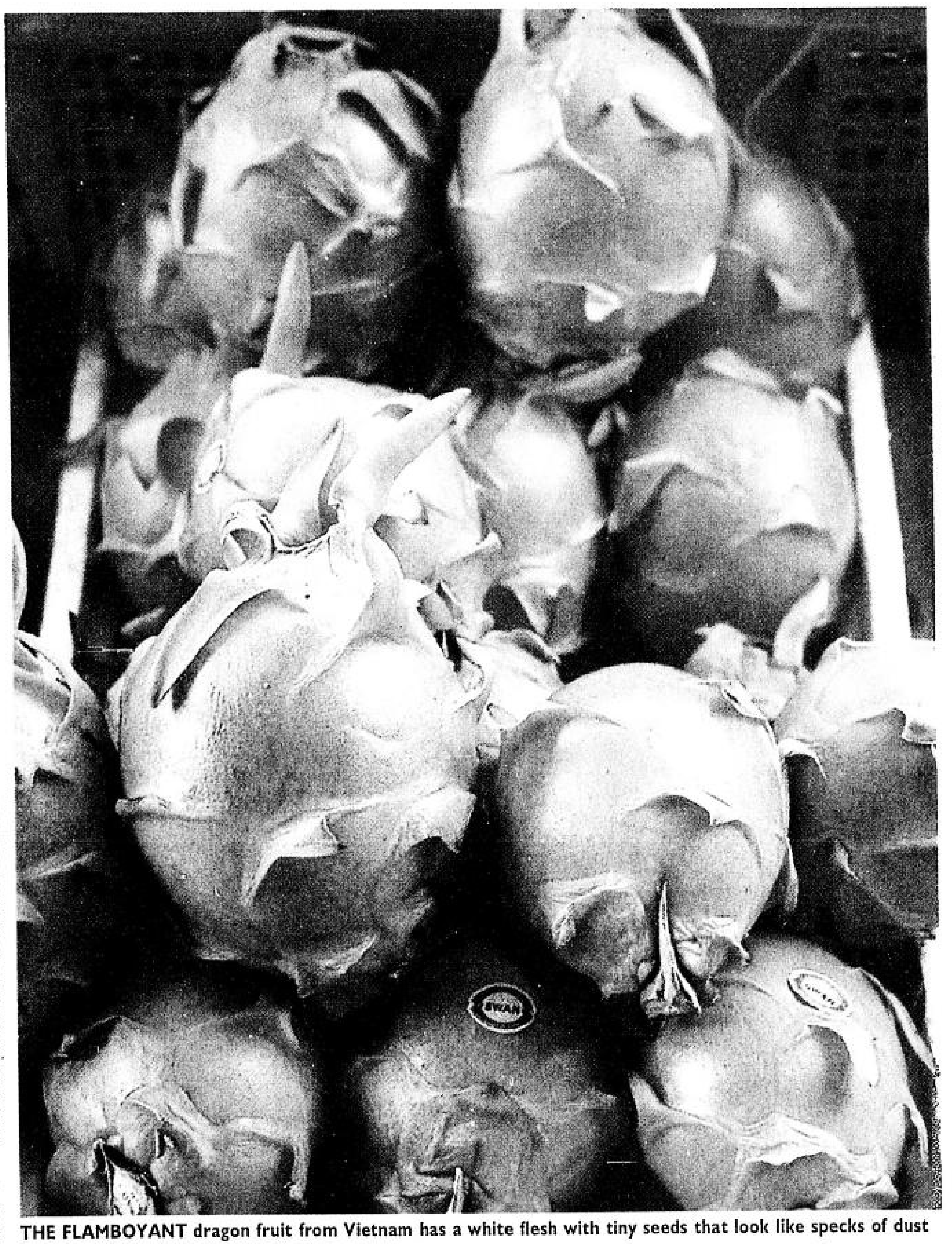
GARLIC flower stalks for "panggisa"

One of the rare finds was the garlic flower stalk from China selling for P150 per kilo (one bunch). Although the stall owner was nowhere to be found, everybody in the vicinity seemed to know that the stalks were "*panggisa.*"

An ambulant *buko* vendor was selling bunches of cogon roots at P70 a bundle. Boiled and drunk like tea, the roots were supposedly a cure for gallstones.

At this time of year, Arranque is the place to go if you have a craving for (or just want to know how they look) persimmons, selling at P100 per kilo (about eight pieces). Vietnam's flamboyant dragon fruit, which looks like a rounded red bamboo shoot, sells for P150 a kilo.

Duco or Thai lanzones sells for P100 per kilo, while Laguna lanzones is priced at P70 per kilo. Vendors swear the price difference is owing to the fact that the imported lanzones not only is much sweeter but also hardly has one piece that is sour.



THE FLAMBOYANT dragon fruit from Vietnam has a white flesh with tiny seeds that look like specks of dust and are quite crunchy.

If you also like to know what a prune looks like before it is dried and packed, some fruit stalls in Arranque are currently selling fresh prunes at P200 a kilo.

Taiwan melon, which looks like a cross between *kalabasa* and *kundol*, sells for P60 a kilo. One piece is about four kilos. The flesh, according to the vendors, is orange, much like the local melon.

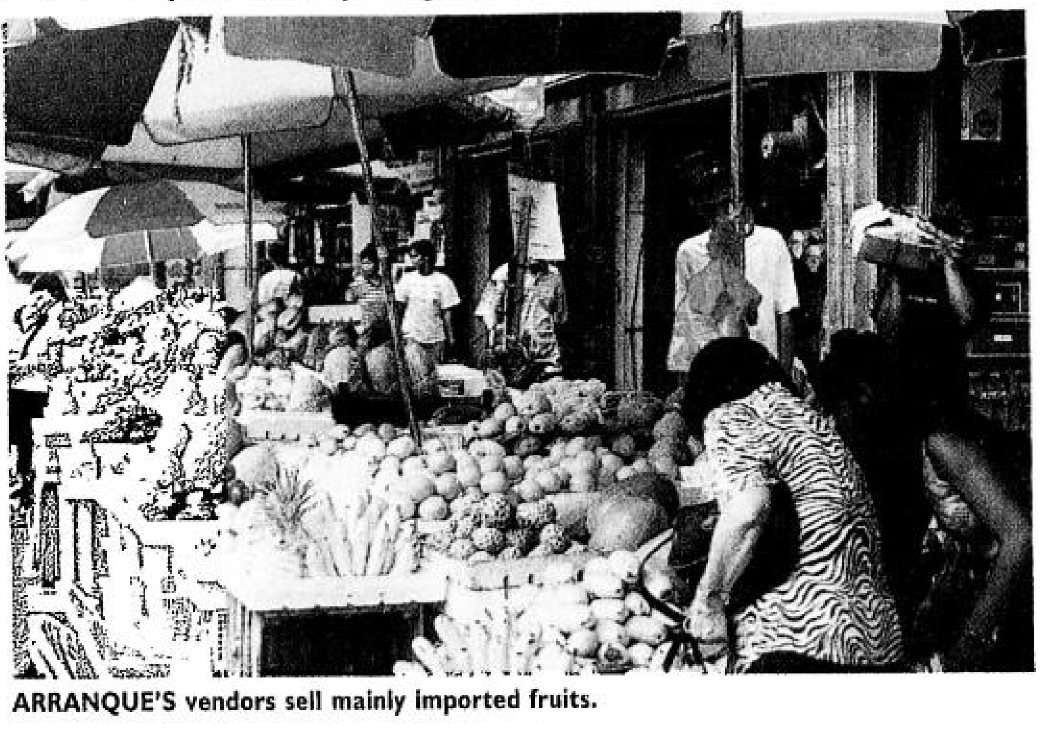
Also available at Arranque at this time of year are pears (small green ones not commonly found elsewhere sell for P95 a kilo), kiwi (three for P50), lemon (P10 a piece), California plums (P150 per kilo), Taiwan honeydew melon (P100 per kilo), *longan* (P90 per kilo), and Chinese *suha* (P130 a piece), among others.

As for the vegetables, with the vendors selling mainly imported stuff, they come in sizes rarely found in other public markets. A head of Australian celery (P150 per kilo), for instance, looks like Arnold Schwarzenegger's bicep. Broccoli (P160 per kilo) and cauliflower (P140 per kilo) heads, also from Australia, are almost the size of a toddler's head.

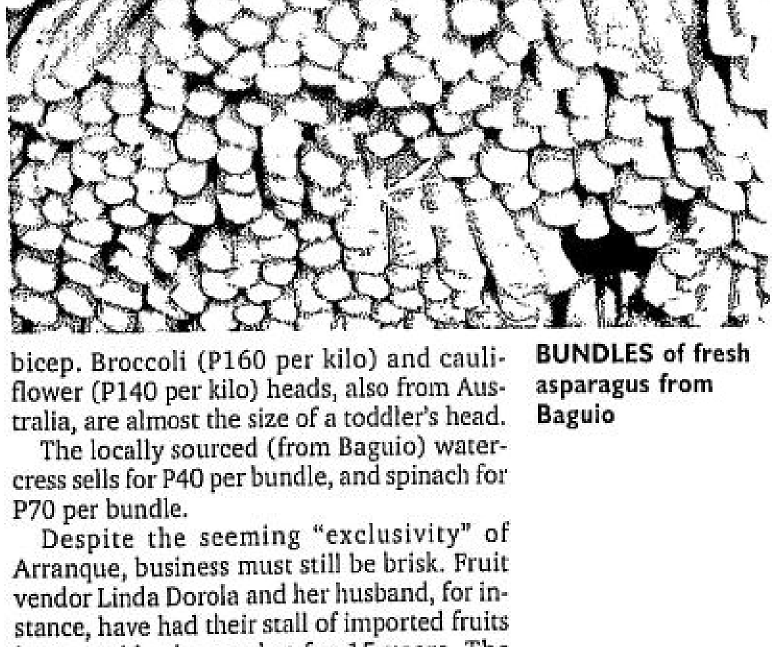
The locally sourced (from Baguio) watercress sells for P40 per bundle, and spinach for P70 per bundle.

Despite the seeming "exclusivity" of Arranque, business must still be brisk. Fruit vendor Linda Dorola and her husband, for instance, have had their stall of imported fruits just outside the market for 15 years. The couple gets their produce from an importer also based in Chinatown.

COGON roots are supposedly boiled and drunk like tea to relieve gallstones.



ARRANQUE'S vendors sell mainly imported fruits.



BUNDLES of fresh asparagus from Baguio

HOPIA red mongo, the newest Eng Bee Tin flavor

A 'hopia' success story

Eng Bee Tin was at the end of its tether when it stumbled upon the greatest 'hopia' discovery of the 20th century: 'hopia ube'

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Mike Alquinto

CHINATOWN is one of the busiest districts of Metro Manila. And one of the busiest stores—if not one of the famous landmarks—on Ongpin Street is the Eng Bee Tin Bakery.

There's not a day that the store is not swamped with people from all walks of life hoping to get a fill of the much-coveted *hopia* and all of its five delicious flavors—*ube* (purple yam), *mongo* (mung bean), *pandan*, *baboy* (actually *kundol*) and the newest favorite, red *mongo*.

Two shelves are devoted to *hopia* alone and they are replenished every few minutes. The rest of the shelves are filled with familiar Chinese delicacies such as *tikoy*, *siopao* and *siomai*. Also sold are different foodstuff that are nicely packed like peanuts, spicy *adobo chicharon*, banana cake, chiffon roll, almond cake, *macapuno* balls, fishballs, fish *kikiam*, salads and juices.

Eng Bee Tin (which means Ever, Beauty and Precious) is owned by Gerry Chua, who is a fire chief, barangay chair, businessman and all-around community leader. Gerry, the third generation owner of Eng Bee Tin, made the first hopia *ube* in the country some 19 years ago.

The first generation of Chuas manufactured the first Eng Bee Tin *hopia* nearly 80 years ago, but the venture was not really that profitable until Chua came into the picture. "It wasn't easy to handle a business that was really on its the way down," says Gerry.

At 21, Chua took over the family business. Being the eldest of four siblings, he felt he had to help his father. Back then, Eng Bee Tin was just one of the *hopia* makers in Ongpin, and one of the less popular ones because their *hopia* was tough as rock.

"The original *hopia* we cooked was tough and quite hard," he recalls. Back then, it had to be really solid because *hopia* was peddled in the streets in cartons behind a bicycle. So if the *hopia* was soft, it would collapse in the pile.

Stiff competition nearly killed the family business. Things were so bad that creditors refused to deliver flour, sugar and milk to Chua's family because of rumors that they had issued bouncing checks. On top of that, family friends deserted them.

Chua decided to help the family. He made the *hopia* himself, packaged it and delivered it to various markets, reaching as far as Cavite and San Pablo, Laguna.

One day he went to the grocery store and asked around which was the biggest hit among the ice cream flavors. He got the unanimous answer: *ube*. "Right there and then, I said to myself, why not make *hopia ube*?" says Chua.

And so he did. His *hopia ube* made it big. Its popularity was further boosted when the *hopia ube* was featured on Cory Quirino's television show "CityLine." "It was Ms Quirino who first featured my *hopia ube* and I got an overwhelming response."

The next day Chua was inundated with phone calls for orders. He received dozens of calls from interested customers and dealers. Soon, Gerry's personal quota of 50 pieces of *hopia* a day became 15,000 packs a day. He even went to Pampanga to train under the best *halayang ube* makers to perfect his recipe.

As the years went by, Gerry's *hopia ube* sustained Eng Bee Tin. The products are now exported to the United States, including Alaska, Canada; Hong Kong and Paris. Chua, who also runs Café Mezzanine of the Chuan Kee Restaurant in Binondo (628 corner Ongpin and Nueva Streets), is now the president of the Filipino-Chinese Bakery Association.

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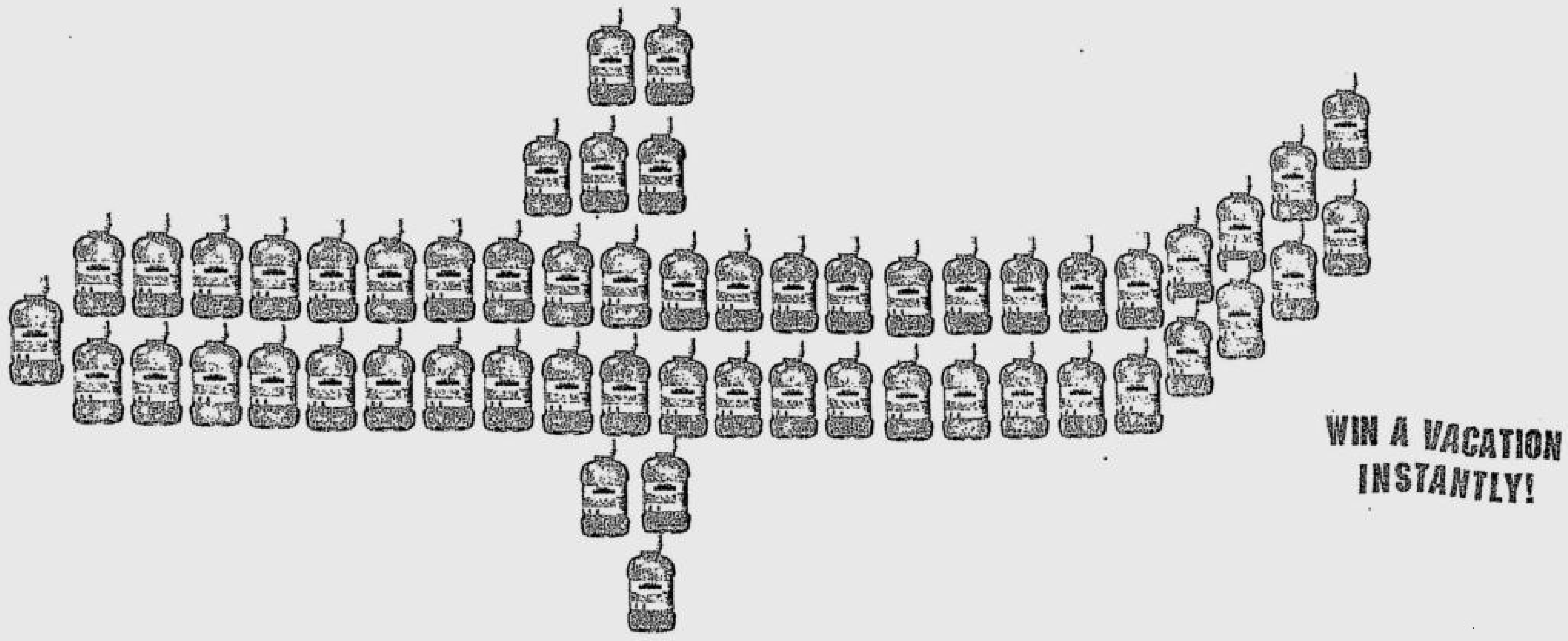
ENG Bee Tin Bakery is always swamped with people hoping to get a fill of the much-coveted *hopia*.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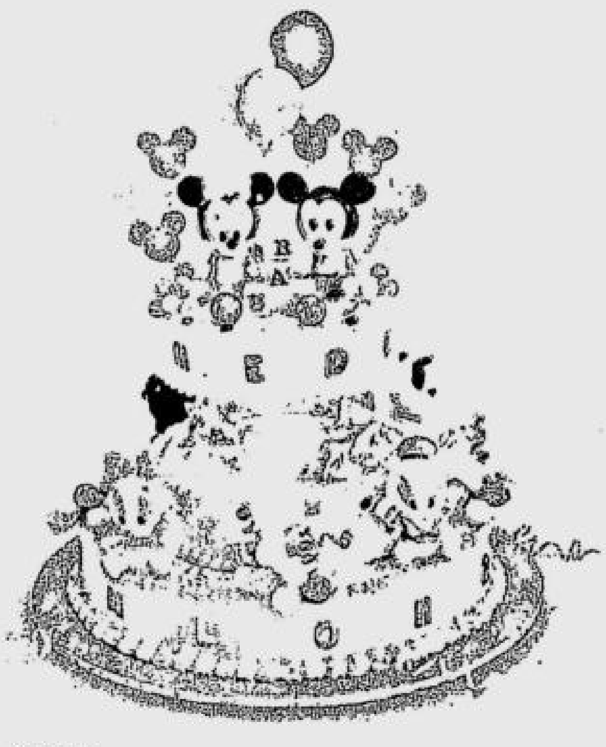
From Fairy Tale to Filipino Icon

The tale begins with a family where two sisters and their in-law opened a small bakeshop in Makati. The first Goldilocks store that opened in the summer of 1966 was not much to look at, in a small apartment with two display cases and a few tables and chairs.

The Leelin sisters, Milagros and Clarita, along with their sister-in-law, Doris, started this team long before there was a bakeshop. They began in the family kitchen, with their family as their first "customers." And when they decided to open a full-fledged bakeshop, another sister suggested the name Goldilocks. The fairy tale character, they agreed, seemed to suggest luck. On the first day of operation, all Goldilocks products were sold out (related story: The Trail of Sweet Success). It had little to do with luck, of course. Goldilocks' brazo de mercedes, sansrival, marble and butter slices, among other bestseller goodies, were sold just as fast as they could bake it.



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Soon after, Filipinos from all walks already have an opinion of their favorite Goldilocks products. The *brazo de Mercedes* is a certified fiesta favorite. Kids love chocolate *polvoron* and chicken pie for *merienda cena*. And birthdays in the family are not celebrated without the trademark mocha or chocolate chiffon cakes from Goldilocks. Kids also look forward to having their favorite characters like Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh, Disney Princesses, Powerpuff Girls, Looney Tunes, Sesame Street, Barney and Blue's Clues on their birthday cakes, available exclusively from Goldilocks. Dine-in outlets have become popular as well. There is probably no major shopping mall in the key cities without the welcoming space of a Goldilocks outlet.

Goldilocks Bakeshop has become so ingrained in the lives of the Filipinos that we no longer associate it with the fairy tale. The three ladies who started it all must have known the secret to the *Pinoy* palate, because we have adopted Goldilocks and called it our own. Goldilocks to the Filipino means a taste of life's celebrations, the true *Pinoy* Bakeshop to cater to our appetite.

THE TRAIL OF SWEET SUCCESS

With an enviable history of achievements, it is no surprise to see why Goldilocks is the *Pinoy's* Favorite Bakeshop.

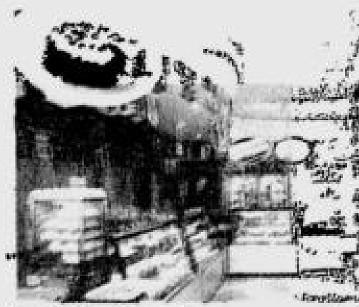
15 MAY 1966	1968	1969	1976	February 1981	1984	1991	1994
Milagros, Clarita and Doris open the first Goldilocks branch on 2300 Pasong Tamo, Makati.	Goldilocks opens its second branch along Taft Avenue, Manila.	The bakeshop extends to catering services.	Goldilocks opens its first overseas outlet in Los Angeles, California, USA.	Goldilocks caters for Pope John Paul II's visit to Manila for the beatification of San Lorenzo Ruiz.	Goldilocks opens in Vancouver, Canada.	Goldilocks officially launches its franchising program.	Goldilocks introduces the trend in computerized edible portrait cakes.

THE TRUE *PINOY* BAKESHOP LEADS THE WAY

If there was such a thing as the Official Bakeshop of the Philippines, Goldilocks is it.

It's no contest really. After over three decades in the business, Goldilocks is a pioneer and has secured its position as the number one bakeshop in the country. The main ingredient behind Goldilocks' success is the company's constant innovation: the best bakeshop just keeps on getting better.

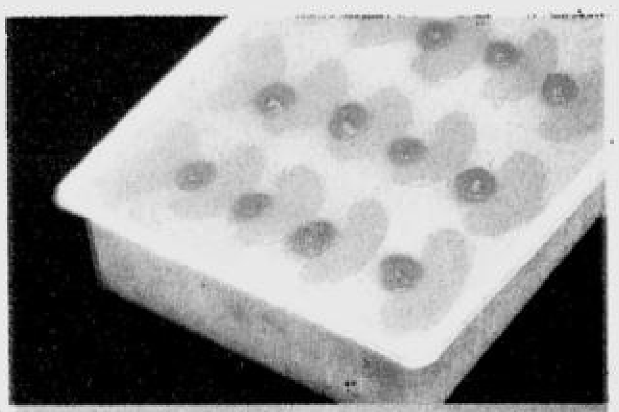
Goldilocks has not only become known as the bakeshop of choice but also a major fastfood chain. Just last year, Goldilocks has adopted modern but homey interiors to cater to the growing market. Filipino food lovers are starting to queue up inside these inviting Goldilocks outlets to get a taste of their favorite *Pinoy* dishes at affordable prices.

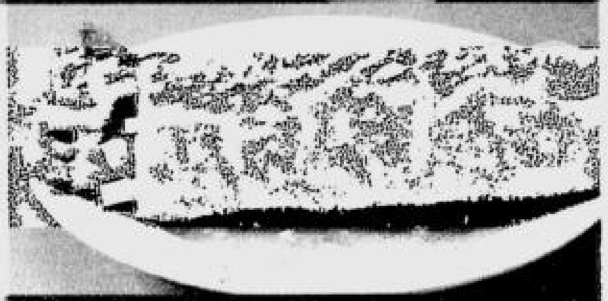

Las Piñas branch

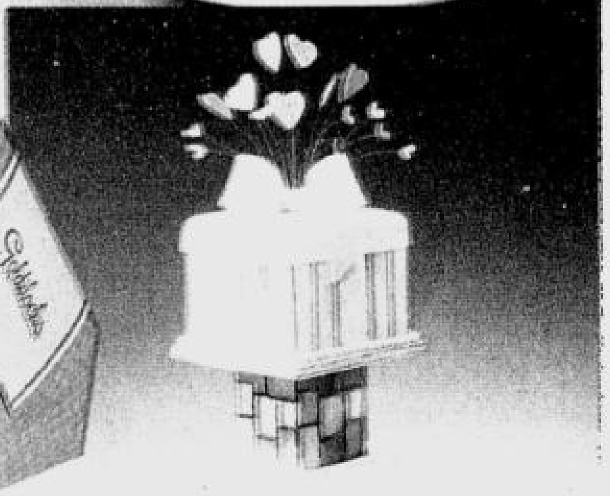
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF *BITBIT*?

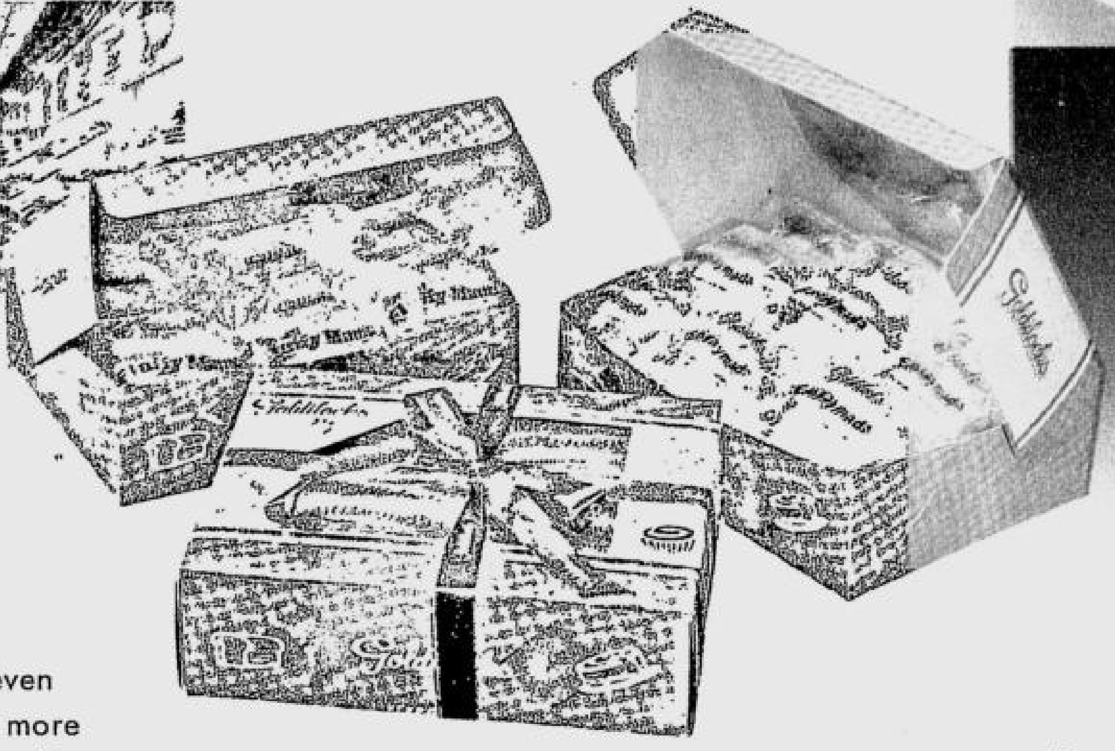
When you're into the business of thoughtfulness like Goldilocks, it is important to get in the mind of the discriminating *Pinoy*.

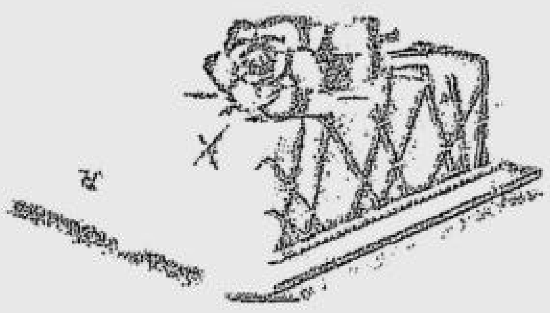
How do Filipinos observe anything important? We eat. We serve more than our guests could eat. We eat more than we are supposed to take in. Food is the center of our activities: from the grandest wedding to a simple Sunday family breakfast.





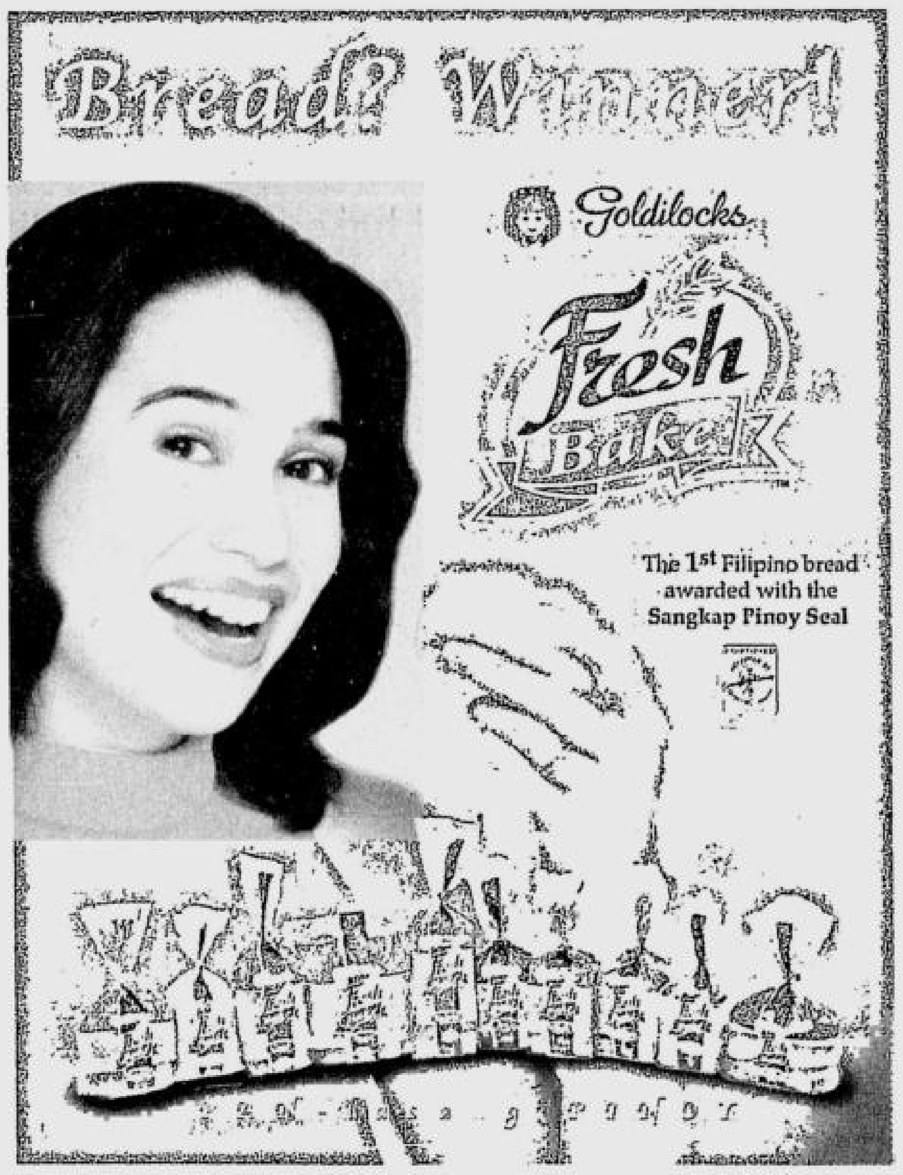






FRESH PICKS FROM GOLDILOCKS

Goldilocks is bringing selected products even nearer to your neighborhood! To make them more accessible, Goldilocks' latest treats are now sold in leading supermarkets and groceries. Goldilocks has just launched the Goldilocks Fresh Bake bread line, exclusively distributed in supermarkets and groceries. Goldilocks treats like Pik-a-Pop Caramel Popcorn and Sweet Delights Polvoron are also available in supermarkets and groceries.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Life's big celebrations - birthdays, weddings, fiestas - are always marked by cakes of all shapes and sizes, from the most complex to the simplest.

In between big events are the little niceties of life. It is not always the same for each of us. To each his own *bitbit*, as they say. But after 36 years of pleasing the *Pinoy* palate, there are classic treats that we go back to time and time again.

Favorite Pasalubong. There is always a *pasalubong* to fit every occasion. A *Brazo de Mercedes* might just be the *pasalubong* if you are going to the province, special *mamon* to dote on your *bunso*, or an assortment of Goldilocks pastries to give away to loved ones abroad.

Recess Bestsellers. Rich and moist, moms are only too happy to find their kids' lunchboxes empty every time the snack cake slices are inside. These include Butter Slice, Marble Slice, *Mamon* and *Ensaymada*. Kids also save their *Polvoron* for dessert after meals.

Cure for Homesickness. Since the opening of Goldilocks in Canada and California, Pinoys abroad can have a taste of home.

And when it comes to sending *pasalubong*, the *Padala Program* is a successful system for those living oceans away to order Premium Cakes like Black Forest and dishes like fresh *lumpia, kare-kare* and other homegrown favorites for their loved ones here.

PINOYS CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THEIR FAVORITE BAKESHOP

Despite the influx of fast food chains and bakeshops that have introduced the taste of the world, Filipinos just keep coming back to their own. Goldilocks represents the taste of the Filipino, from the humble *mamon* to the hearty *dinuguan with puto*.

In its efforts to keep up with the ever-growing demand for the favorite bakeshop of the Filipino, Goldilocks has opened stores in and out of the country. Goldilocks has over 160 stores nationwide, from the northern regions of Luzon to down south where expansion plans include three more stores in Davao within the year. Aside from the local stores to date, Goldilocks has 13 outlets in California, and one in Vancouver, Canada, where *Pinoys* abroad get a taste of home.

After 36 years of service in true Goldilocks Bakeshop fashion, clearly we have decided. Goldilocks has become a part of our lives as much as videoke and tele-novelas. And the fairly tale character is now a true *Pinoy* icon that will live in our hearts happily ever after.

Superlicious!!!

" When we were kids, I always looked forward to Goldilocks' eggpies. My kids love the popcorn and polvoron. Anthony can't get over the *Pinoy* delicacies. One time we visited a branch, he feasted on all the food at the take-out counter and we had them for a week. I love the mocha chiffon cake and look forward to eating them even in parties."

MARICEL LAXA-PANGILINAN
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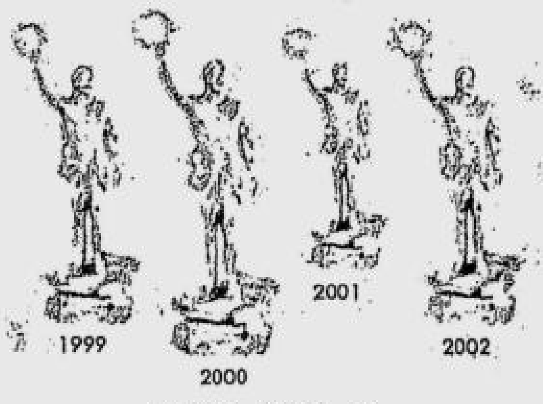

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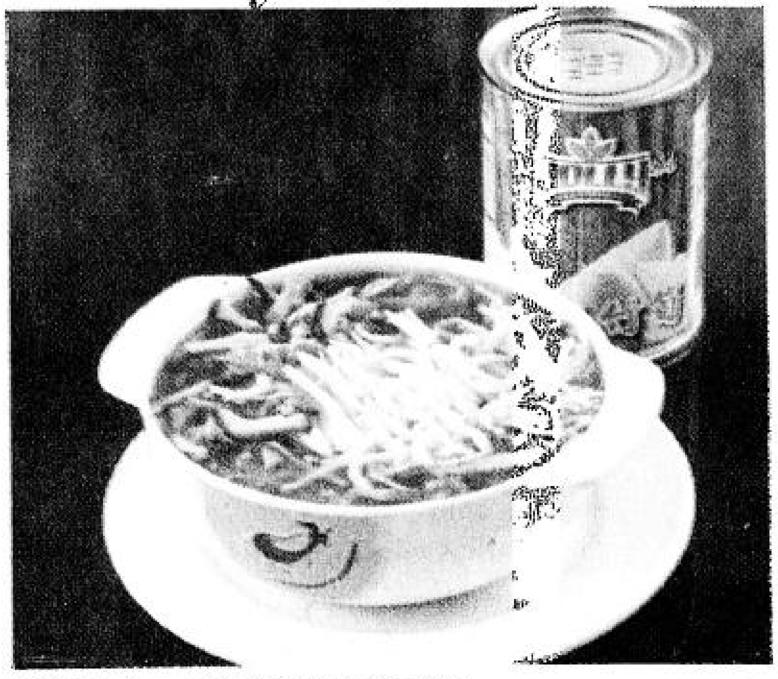
FISH Lip Soup with Shredded Mix Meat

BRAISED Mushroom with Young Corn

Leader of the pack in Chinatown

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Mike Alquinto

FROM THE OUTSIDE, the President seems no different from the 200 or so Chinese restaurants that line Ongpin and the maze of streets that form Manila's Chinatown. Inside, however, the restaurant is one vast, brightly lit and lively hall that can easily seat 600 diners craving for chef Shu Wai Sing's Cantonese specialties.

Small wonder, actually, since the building was a venue for Chinese operas and Kung-fu movies in its "previous life." When Shu and Chinese-Filipino wife Josephine were given the run of the place in 1997, they converted the theater into a seafood restaurant to accommodate their growing clientele.

"The old place became too small [for] our growing operations," says Josephine, referring to their previous Chinatown address. "But our loyal patrons know that we've been around for quite some time now."

Curiously enough, the President (tel. 244-7235 to 40) only served vegetarian dishes when it first opened in 1978. In less than a year, however, Josephine's future in-laws overhauled its menu. "People weren't ready yet to go vegetarian," says Josephine, whose family owns the restaurant.

Chef Shu quit his job in Hong Kong and soon joined his folks in Manila in 1984. After several years, he and Josephine fell in love and eventually got married. Their partnership now extends beyond their home. While the husband and his team of cooks whip up Cantonese delights in the kitchen, the wife and her team of cheongsam-clad hostesses entertain guests in the dining area.

Today, the President boasts of such specialties as steamed eel with black beans and chili—a house exclusive—Peking duck, fried pigeon, fried squid and fish lip soup. ***(See recipes on page D7.)*** Live eel is flown thrice a week from Cotabato, while ducks and lobsters are sourced directly from China.

"Locally grown ducks won't do," says Josephine, citing their tough meat. "Certain seasonings are also imported from Hong Kong."

The couple attributes their restaurant's success and staying power to several tried-and-tested ingredients: good food, reasonable prices, big servings and personalized service. Chef Shu, for instance, prepares the eel himself, thoroughly cleaning off the mud before sprinkling it liberally with chili to remove any fishy aftertaste.

President Macapagal-Arroyo is said to order the steamed eel whenever she dines at the President.

"With a few exceptions," says Josephine, "he sticks to authentic Hong Kong-style Chinese cooking." To cater to Filipino taste buds, for instance, the chef came up with a sweet and sour sauce that's more sweet than sour. He also tempers the use of spicy curry in certain dishes.

The restaurant takes pride in serving only the freshest seafood caught live from one of its indoor aquariums. Just point to the fish of your choice and it will be served in what ever style you desire in 15 minutes or less. To keep patrons excited and coming back for more, Chef Shu makes it a point to introduce five to six new dishes every month.

The Shuhs are unfazed by the threat posed by new restaurants. In fact, competition is something they welcome. "Perhaps out of curiosity," says Josephine, "our customers try other restaurants in the area. It doesn't take long, however, before they come back to us." There can only be one President as far as these gourmands are concerned.

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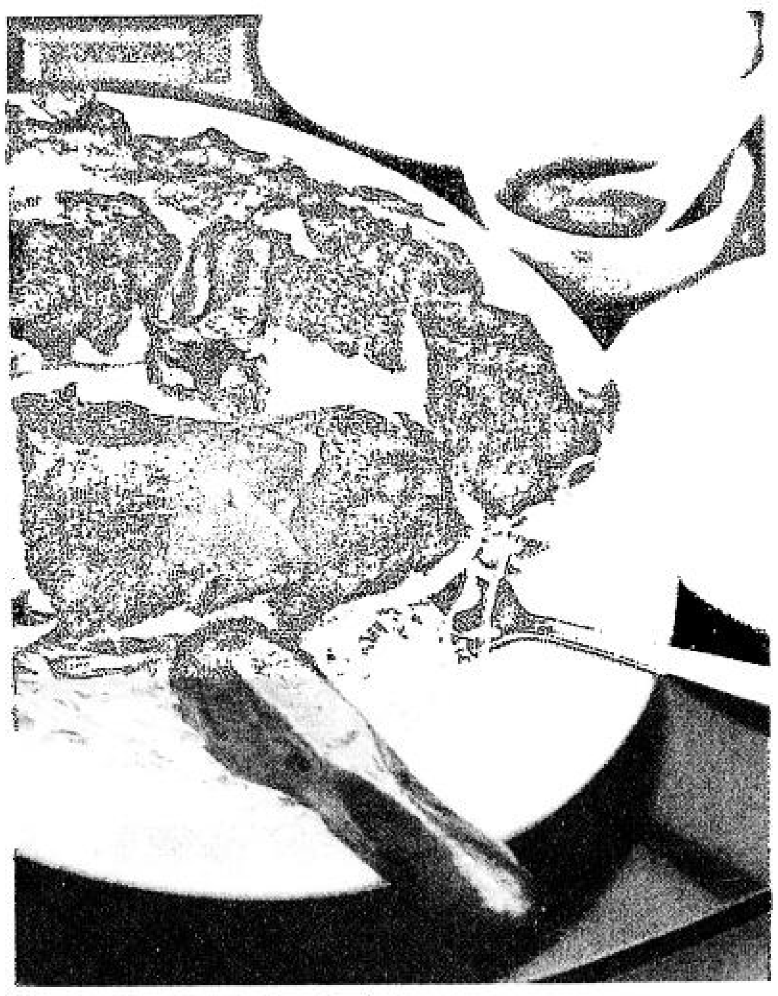
Customers try other restaurants in the area, but it doesn't take long before they are back at the President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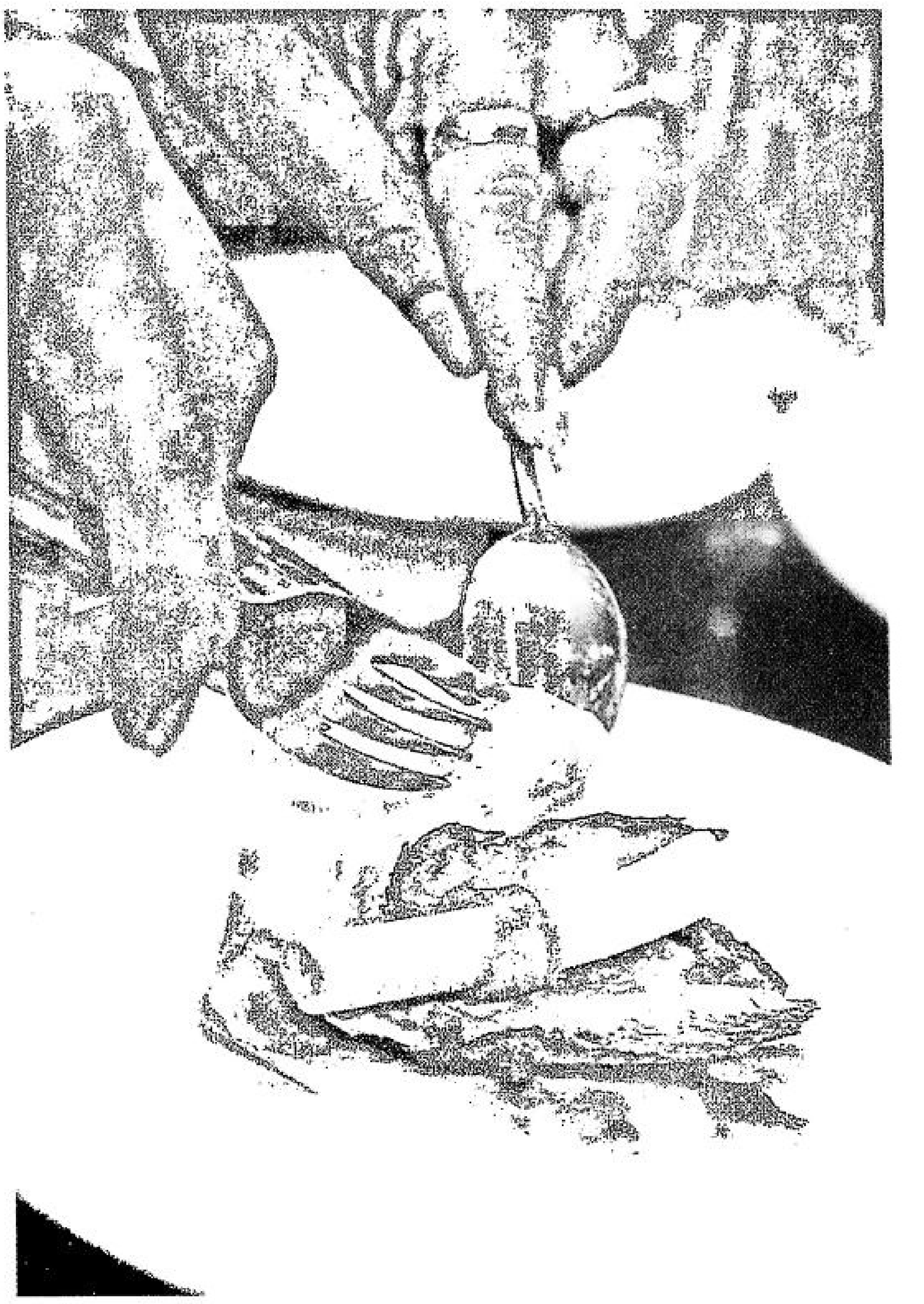
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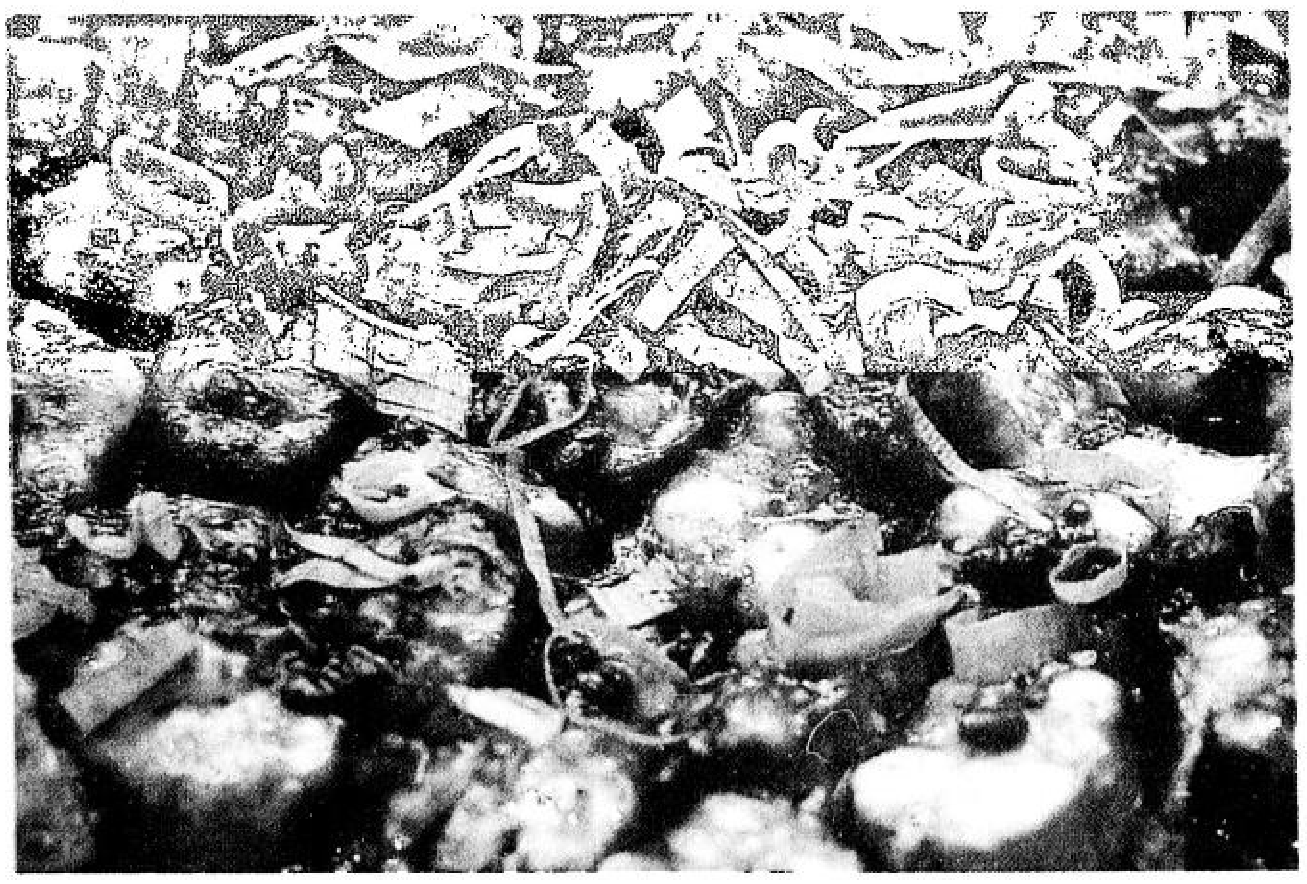
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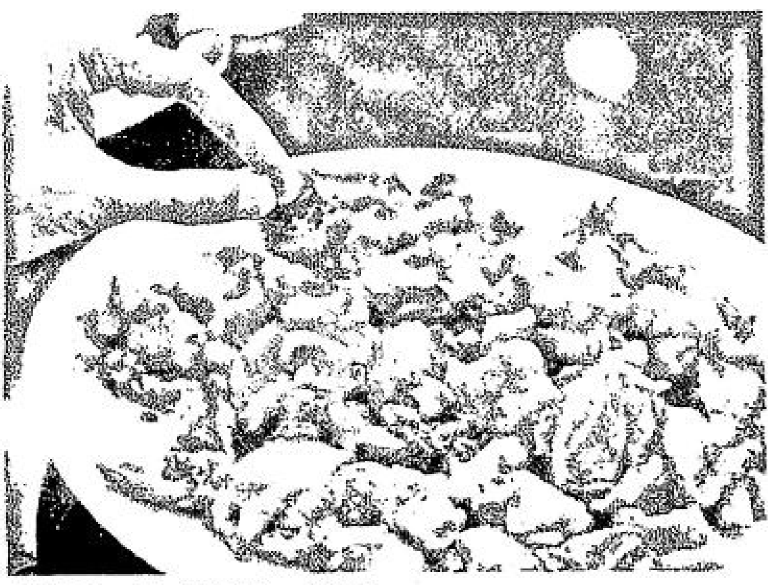
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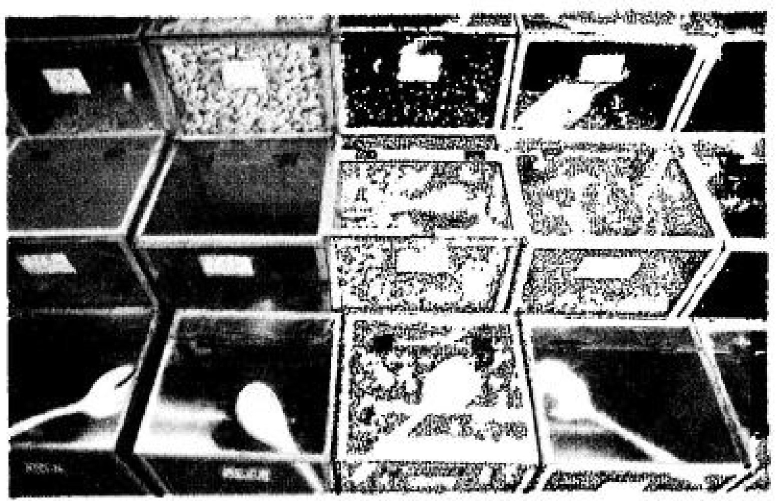
HUSBAND-AND-WIFE team Josephine Shu and Chef Shu Wai Sing

Store is as enduring as Pinoys' love for 'champoy'

50-year-old Hoc Bee offers an array of Chinese preserves that are popular even with Filipinos


THE POPULAR Chinese preserves, including *kiamoy* and *champoy*

TUCKED between T. Alonso and Ongpin Streets in Binondo is the 50-year-old Hoc Bee Grocery Store, where Chinese delicacies and other imported goods are sold at reasonable prices.

Run by Johnny Lim, a third generation owner, Hoc Bee offers an array of Chinese preserves that are popular even with Filipinos. The preserves are displayed in transparent containers and sold by the kilogram. The salty-sweet *champoy* (P120/kg), sweet *kiamoy* (P240/kg), pickled ginger (P160/kg) and *kikiat* (*calamansi*, P220/kg) are the bestsellers. But the *maho* (dried shredded pork, P360/kg), sliced olives (P240/kg) and preserved mango slices (P200/kg) are also getting a substantial share of the customers' attention.

Most of the preserves come from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Some, like *santol* and mango, are locally prepared.

Having been in the business for half a century, Hoc Bee's regular clientele is still predominantly ethnic Chinese (about 70 percent). Lim says the grocery is doing well because of its assortment of junk food and snacks. A fast-moving item is peanuts that are also sold by the kilo.

"Believe it or not, we get to sell one sack of dry-roasted peanuts every day," says Lim. The peanuts are followed by *butong pakwan* (P70/kg) and squash seeds (P100/kg).

Aside from the snacks, other profitable Hoc Bee items are fresh fruits (lychee, orange, pomelo, apples), various chocolates and biscuits and assorted juices and milk from Australia, and other imported canned and bottled goods, such as cooking oil, mushrooms and fruit cocktail exclusively distributed by Fly Ace Corp.

Thirty-six-year-old Johnny, who speaks good English and Filipino, sees to the daily operation of the store, while his 74-year-old father, Peter, still strong and active, takes care of the repacking of goods and monitoring of stocks.

Typical of Chinese businesses, everyone in Johnny's family helps.

Vangie Baga-Reyes

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JOHNNY Lim, third generation owner of Hoc Bee

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Food fit for a president's table

Recipes courtesy of Jolly Products, distributed by Fly Ace Corp.

Fish Lip Soup

½ g Jolly black mushroom, shredded
½ g duck meat, shredded
½ g Jolly bamboo shoot, shredded
½ g fish lips, shredded
590 ml chicken broth

Add the duck meat and the fish lips to the Jolly black mushrooms and the Jolly bamboo shoot and let stay for two minutes. Pour and drain on a strainer, leaving the meat.

Pour chicken broth on a pan; add all shredded meat, salt, sugar, *vetsin* and mushroom soy sauce. Dissolve 2 tbsp cornstarch in water for thickening of the soup. Pour on a crystal bowl, drop some sesame oil and serve.

Braised Mushroom with Young Corn

8-10 pc (200 g) Jolly button mushroom
8-10 pc (200 g) Jolly straw mushroom
8-10 pc (200 g) Jolly young corn
2 tbsp Good Life oyster sauce
2 tbsp cornstarch dissolved in water
Sesame oil

Boil mushrooms and young corn in a pan for two minutes. Drain on a strainer.

Pour ½ cup chicken broth; add salt, *vetsin*, sugar and oyster sauce on a pan. Add mushrooms and young corn, followed by cornstarch for thickening. Pour on a boat dish and serve.

Cold Prawn Salad

Set A

1 pc potato, peeled and sliced into cubes, cooked and drained
1 pc carrot, peeled and sliced into cubes, cooked and drained
¾ can Jolly Royale fruit cocktail, drained
100 g *kaong*, drained
2 c mayonnaise
Sugar to taste

Set B

6 pc large prawn, shelled and boiled, sliced into halves
12 pc coin-sized pineapple

For garnishing:

1 round cabbage, finely shredded
1 pc whole Jolly maraschino cherry
1 pc vegetable flower
4 pc tomato, carved butterfly-style
2 c mayonnaise, cold

Combine all Set A ingredients, strain and store for hours in refrigerator.

In a small oval plate, arrange prawns and coin-sized pineapple alternately, making two vertical lines. Store in refrigerator for hours. When about to serve, get a 12-inch round plate, placing Set A ingredients at the center, pointing upward.

Carefully slide prawns and pineapple from the oval plate on top of it. Garnish with shredded cabbage on both sides of plate.

On the bottom of the plate, place the vegetable flower and tomato butterfly. Carefully add cold mayonnaise on top of Set A; put cherry on top and serve.

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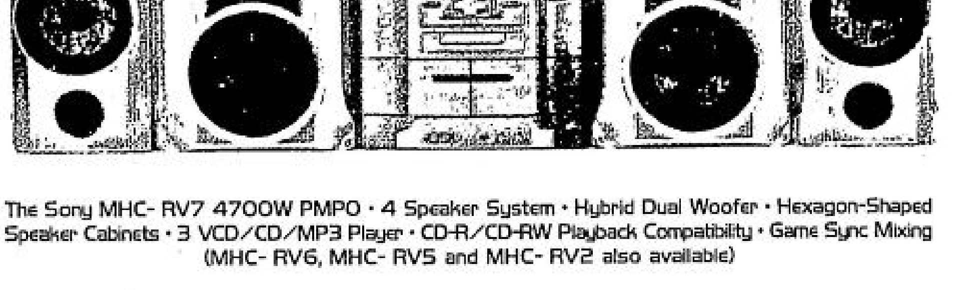

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Why Binondo's fire truck is 'kulay ube'

FIREFIGHTING gear on standby

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and cleaning fire trucks, before I started fighting fires. I eventually got the hang of it. The friendship has also sustained me through the years"

Unlike succeeding batches of volunteer firemen, Chua and his contemporaries didn't undergo any form of training. Whatever training they had, they got on the job. Thus, failure to observe safety precautions cost him part of his right pinky on Day 2. "Despite all the hardships," he says, "I have a lot to be thankful for."

Fame

Until Cory Quirino featured his *hopia ube* on her television show more than a decade ago, Chua was just a struggling businessman who could barely pay his obligations on time. The TV personality learned of the unique variation on an old favorite and decided to do a feature on it after interviewing Chua about his firefighting exploits. His fortunes changed soon after the segment came out.

"If not for the media exposure," says Chua, "I'd probably still be begging banks today to grant me a loan. I owe it all to my work as a volunteer fireman."

After more than 20 years of fighting fires, Chua became president of the 4,500-strong Association of Philippine Volunteer Fire Brigade Inc. (tel. 522-2222), an umbrella group composed of more than 300 smaller associations nationwide.

The volunteers may be using donated or borrowed equipment, but not a few of them have become the envy of their professional counterparts. For one, the association has a 24-hour call center on President Quirino Avenue that handles calls and coordinates traffic. Most, if not all, groups have their own fire trucks and two-way radios. Some have even gone high-tech.

Chua and his Binondo-based team, for instance, rely on an electronic mapping system that, among others, can screen prank calls and pinpoint where the nearest hospitals, police stations and fire hydrants are located. "Yes, even the empty ones," he boasts.

Such strides in technology are a far cry from the drums and buckets Chinese-Filipino volunteers used to fight fires with inside the labyrinths of the Arranque Market in the early '60s. Despite such advances, however, today's volunteers share something in common with volunteers of yore: they don't earn a single centavo for their thankless efforts. After a hard day's work, Chua makes it a point to treat his team to lunch or dinner at the family-owned Café Mezzanine.

"We even have to buy radios, raincoats, helmets and boots out of our own pockets," says a beaming Chua. "But our volunteers are insured." An insurance policy worth P100,000 may not seem much, but the amount is better than nothing to a person who puts his or her (Chua's association has one of five female volunteers nationwide) life on the line.

Risky business

Nine volunteers have been killed since Chua's Binondo-based group was established 27 years ago. The number of fatalities would definitely be much higher if you included the other associations.

"In fact, one of our first fatalities was an employee of Eng Bee Tin. Five volunteers died in a single fire in Caloocan when a wall caved in on them seven years ago. It was a sad day for all of us," Chua says.

Unlike government-employed firefighters, volunteers like Chua know no boundaries. Thus, they sometimes find themselves rushing to as far away as Cavite, Pampanga or Bulacan to answer a distress call. The close coordination between various associations lessens, if not eliminates, confusion.

What started out as an exclusive domain of "Chinoys"—Chinese-Filipinos—eventually became more diverse with the entry of Pinoys. Close to 10 percent of all members nationwide are said to be native Filipinos.

"It's harder to recruit new members nowadays," Chua admits. "Many potential members now hold full-time jobs. After seeing the tragedy that befell a number of our colleagues, some parents have forbidden their children from joining us. We now find ourselves looking for potential volunteers beyond our district."

How volunteerism started to take root within the Chinoy community is a story in itself.

Historically, Chinese settlers were blamed whenever a fire razed Binondo or other Chinoy enclave in Manila. This accusation is probably as old as the city itself, surviving even after World War II. This time Chinese-Filipino businessmen were accused of purposely setting fire to their properties to claim insurance benefits.

"Perhaps there was some truth to it," says Chua, "but fires also know no boundaries. Since most houses then were made of wood, fire quickly razed entire neighborhoods to the ground."

First association

Bribery was also rampant within the community. Homeowners tried to outbid each other so that the handful of firemen who responded to an alarm would train their hoses on their houses to keep them safe. Tired of the stigma and corruption swirling around them, a group of Chinoys from the Arranque Market banded together to form Binondo's first volunteer firemen's association.

The spirit of volunteerism soon spread like wild fire, so to speak, among Chinese-Filipinos all over the country. It was only a matter of time before the importance of these volunteers was recognized by society at large and even acknowledged in the Fire Code of the Philippines.

The associations may now have gone beyond racial and geographic lines to augment their ranks, but they've also become more selective in accepting new members. Today, an applicant has to be at least 18 years old and of sound mind and body to qualify. After he or she secures an endorsement from the barangay captain, the applicant is required to undergo a six-month training conducted by local and foreign firefighting experts.

"The joy I derive from helping others is priceless," says Chua, who has parlayed his popularity and track record into a career in politics. He has been the barangay captain of Zone 289 for 12 years now. "I will help fight fires for as long as I can." That's a promise Chua's neighbors can count on with or without his purple fire truck.

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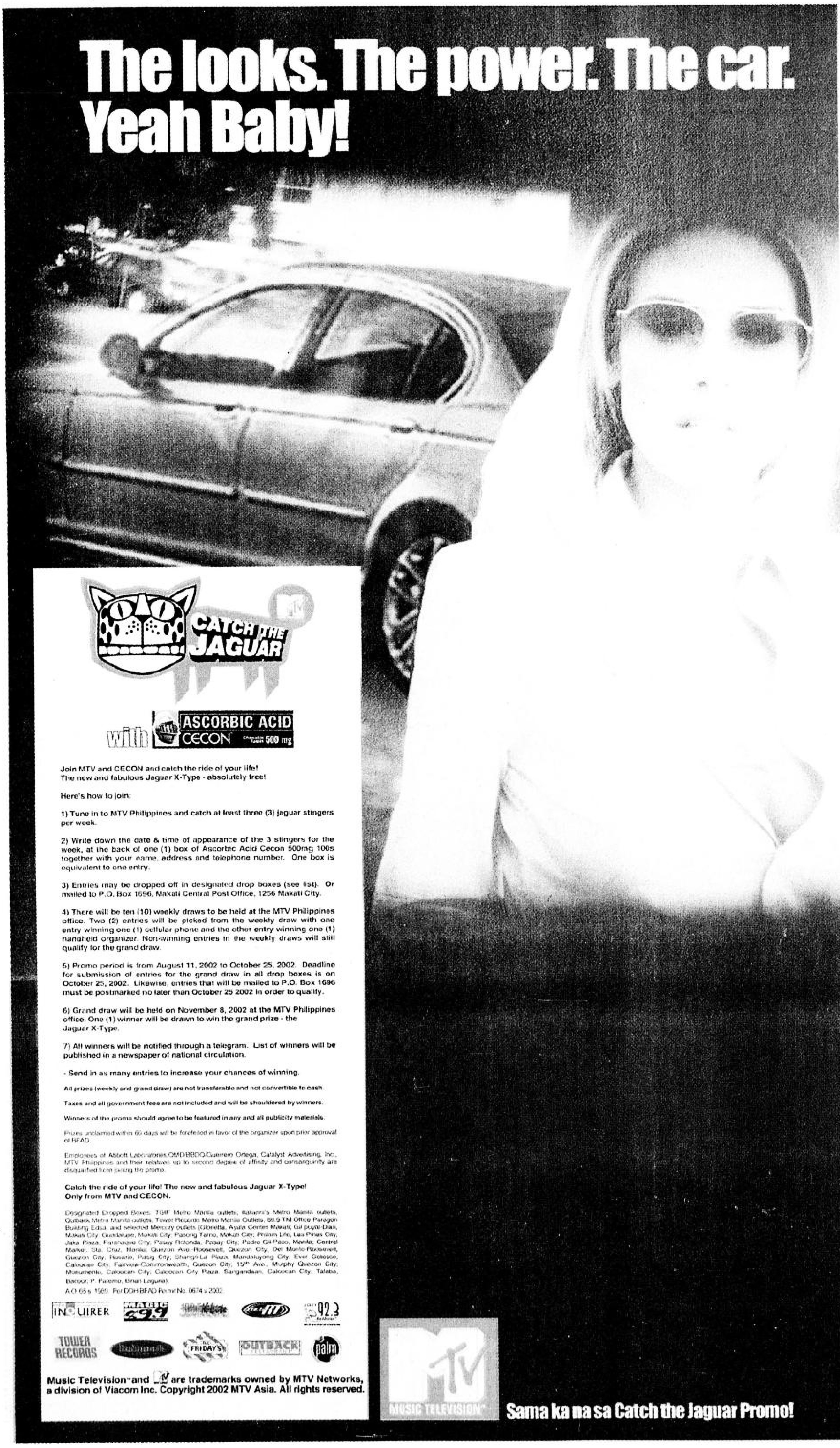
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In Chinatown, all that glitter's is real gold

Ongpin is still the best place to get authentic gem pieces at good bargains

By Belle V. Bondoc
Photos by Mike Alquinto

WITH gem stores lining both sides of the street, Ongpin is arguably the jewelry center of Manila. There is gold everywhere and at very good prices, too.

While other businesses are collapsing due to the critical times, the jewelers of Ongpin remain steadfast and proud of their services. When you visit the place, you'll find both English and Tagalog signs, mounted side by side with Chinese announcements, offering discounts.

For many people who love jewelry, Ongpin is still the best place to get authentic pieces at good bargains.

One of the more popular jewelry shops on Ongpin Street is Chotek Gifts, which offers a mix of items. The shop is owned and managed by Chinese businessman Liong Yu. Although the prices are higher compared to those of the small shops, customers get better quality items here. The owner claims that their selection is more stringent.

Prices of jewelry pieces, says Yu, vary according to the type or the purity of gold (karat). Prices range from P5,000 to P15,000. Some jewelry sets sell for less than P10,000.

The shop sells 24-karat gold at about P560 per gram. Yu says they import their gold, although the solid gold items in his shop are locally made.

"If we are to compare products, Chinese gold is more expensive than Saudi gold;white gold is more expensive than yellow, and diamond is the most expensive among the stones," Yu says.

He guarantees that his creations have 99.99 percent gold content as required by the local market. "Chinese gold is pure 24-karat gold," he adds.

Unrecognized talents

Yu is a gemology graduate from an American institute and spent years mastering his craft. He designs many of the jewelry pieces his shop makes—from bracelets to neck

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The church that produced the first Filipino saint

The Binondo church is a testament to the greatest missionary dream of the Church: to evangelize China

DRAGON DOME. Recently named a minor basilica by the Vatican, the Binondo church towers above Chinatown.

Text by Lito B. Zulueta
Photos by Mike Alquinto

EVEN before giant shopping malls allowed Sunday masses to compete with the flurry and addiction of shopping, the Binondo Church best represented the marriage of religion and commerce, of the sacred and the profane.

Weekdays would find the cavernous church nearly empty and forlorn, the loneliness and solemnity relieved by a sprinkling of devotees offering votive candles and novenas to their favorite icons, their prayers drowned by the caterwauling jeepneys and the ear-splitting howl of sensitive security alarms of slick cars parked on Plaza Calderon de la Barca. But Sundays find the plaza empty of metal busy bees while inside the church ring the hymns of a busy congregation, thanking God for a successful business deal, asking God for more successful business deals.

The scene continues up to now. It cannot be otherwise. Binondo is a financial and a religious powerhouse. The fever of the market is complemented by the fervor of religion. Remove either and commerce becomes dry and religion, disembodied.

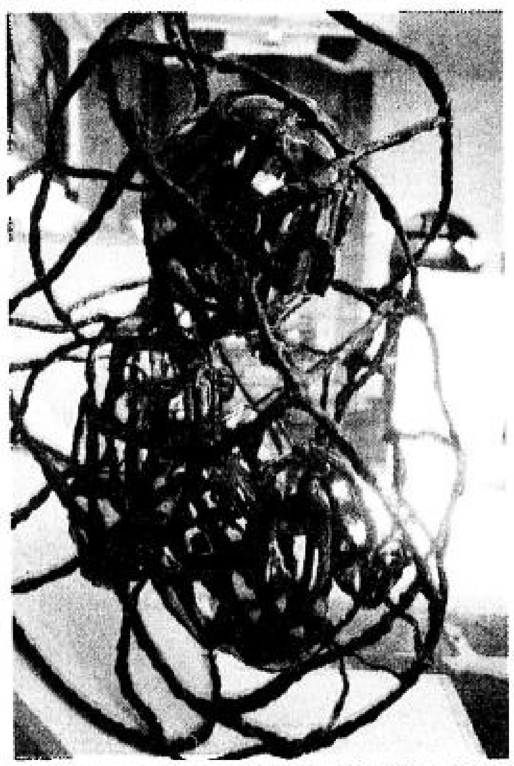
The spiritual fervor is expected to transform to religious pageantry today when the church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, the patroness of the church. Expect a riot of colors as Filipino folk Catholicism interfaces with Chinese syncretism and Spanish Catholic militancy in a rare display of religious acculturation and assimilation.

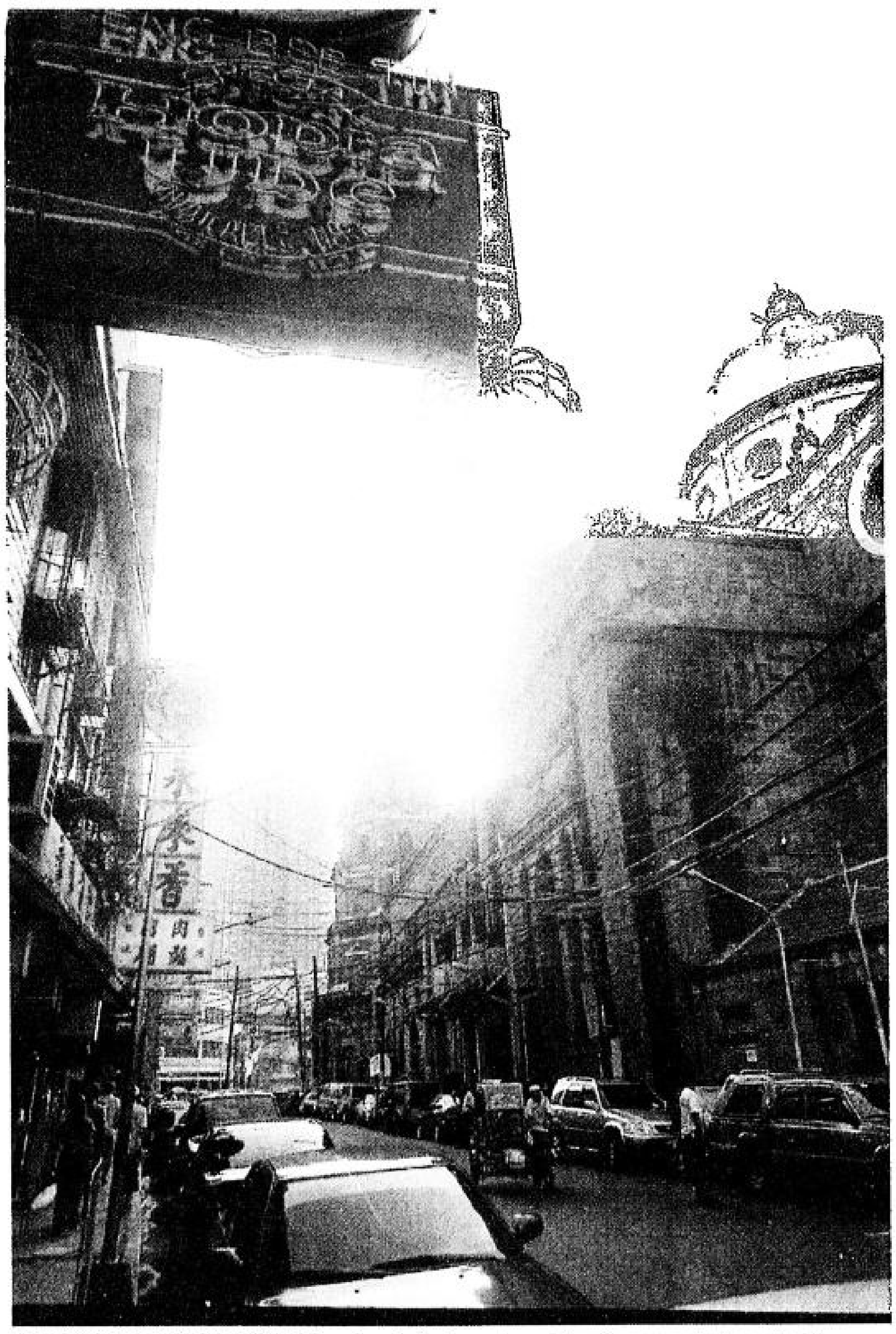
The Binondo church is the most concrete evidence of the long mission to evangelize the Chinese in Asia. The mission—and the church—could be traced to the donation of Governor Dasmariñas of the island "Binondoc" or "Minondoc" to the Sangleys in the late 16th century. The Dominicans, who were entrusted with the spiritual care of the Sangleys in the Parian outside of the walls of Intramuros, immediately set up a house and church on that island north of the Pasig. The Dominicans have been in Binondo ever since.

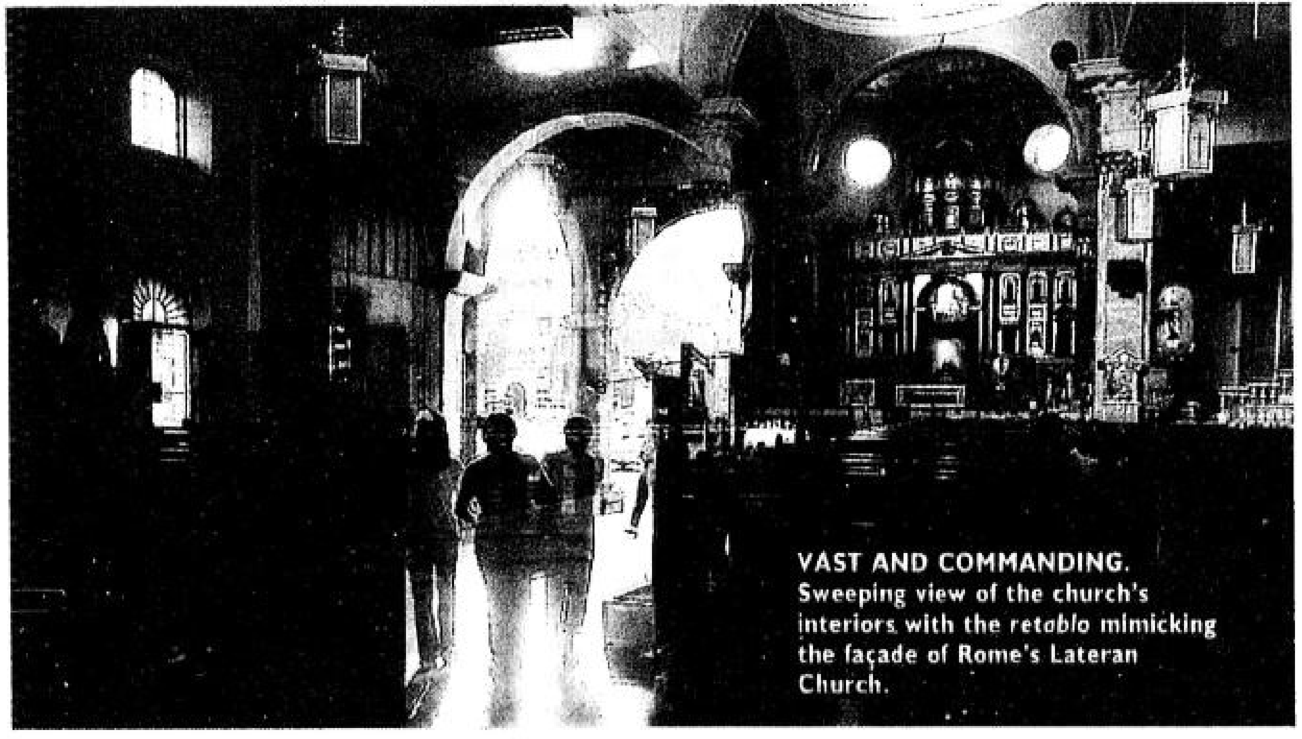
China dream

The Christianization of the Sangleys was conceived as a mere stepping-stone to the evangelization of China. The dream has not been fully realized, but the Christian enterprise among the Sangleys has reaped spiritual benefits. It has produced the first Filipino saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz, a Chinese-Filipino mestizo and scribe in Binondo. The church, in fact, has been renamed as the Minor Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The Sangley mission may yet produce the first Filipina saints, Mother Francisca and Mother Ignacia, who founded the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena and the Religious of the Virgin Mary, respectively, the first religious institutes for women in the Philippines.

TYPICAL SCENE. Devotee gets close to the Crucified Christ.


NEW SACRED ART. A pro-life sculpture by Ronald Salazar is displayed in an exhibit on the church grounds to mark the feast today of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, patroness of Binondo.


RICH HISTORY IN STONE. The church that produced San Lorenzo Ruiz may yet produce the first Filipina saints.


VAST AND COMMANDING. Sweeping view of the church's interiors with the *retablo* mimicking the façade of Rome's Lateran Church.

Razed to the ground during the liberation of 1945, the present church is the product of its reconstruction after the war and some renovations in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The reconstruction and renovations more or less tried to rehash the features of the church's design when the Dominicans reconstructed it in 1749 in utter tropical baroque opulence.

As it stands now, the church gives off an uncanny sense of the past.

Guarding the sides of the portal are the statues of St. Dominic and St. Francis, representing the complementary missions of the two greatest and most influential mendicant friar orders. Inside, one is immediately struck by the sweeping vastness of the interiors, accentuated by colonnades topped with rich filigree works shining under a patina of gold.

But the piece de resistance is the altar, which makes a *retablo* out of the contours of the Lateran Church of Rome. The *retablo* signifies the universality of the Catholic vision: that people as disparate as the Chinese of the mainland and the Sangleys of the Philippine islands can be incorporated into the mystical body of Christ as represented by the Church whose head holds court in Rome.

Too bad the *retablo* has been practically emptied of its images owing either to the antique frenzy of the 1960s and '70s or the stupid iconoclastic revolution unleashed by the Second Vatican Council.

Lingering presence

Although the Dominicans ceded the church to the secular clergy in the 18th century, the Dominican presence lingers in the ubiquity of Dominican saints (the winged St. Vincent de Ferrer, the hobbled and palsied Blessed Margaret Costello, the mulatto St. Martin de Porres, the redolent St. Rose of Lima, and even San Lorenzo Ruiz, a marker of a Dominican confraternity). The Chinese influence is notable in the graveyard behind the church where Chinese *ilustrados* are buried, their names memorialized in exquisite Chinese calligraphy. Some of the icons bear the syncretic touches of their makers; it is obvious from their eyes that they were made by Chinese artisans.

What many do not know is that Binondo church today is a Filipino parish; it is dedicated to the spiritual care of Filipinos and not the Chinese. But the Chinese roots of the parish have not been entirely uprooted. During the Chinese New Year, red streamers snake through the interiors, like dragons paying obeisance to the Christian God. Some Masses are also said in Chinese.

The spiritual care of the Chinese in Binondo continues to be entrusted to the Dominicans, who have a mission behind the Binondo church. It contains a church where Chinese Masses are celebrated and a social hall where Chinese social activities are held. It also houses the San Lorenzo Academy, a Catholic school for Chinese children. When one watches the old but sprightly Spanish friars running the place, it is obvious that the Church's dream of evangelizing the Middle Kingdom remains a mission irresistible.

In Chinatown, all that glitters is real gold

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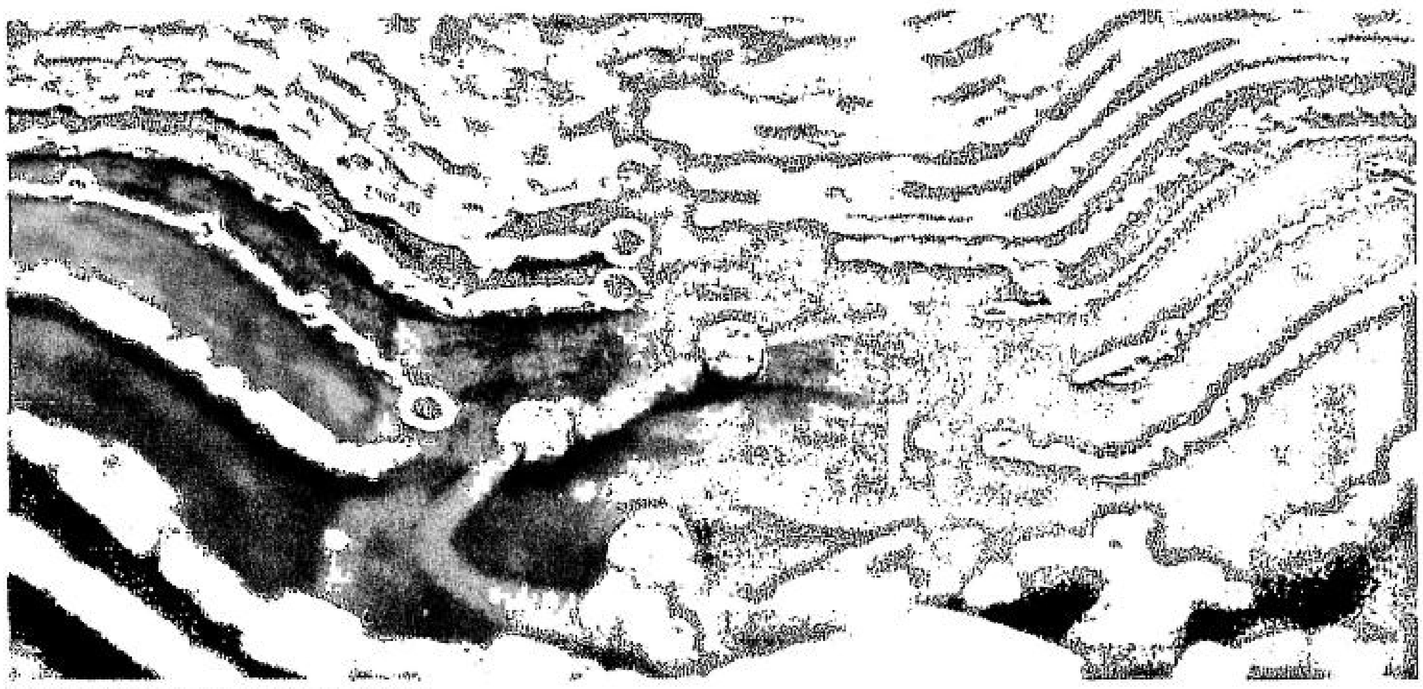
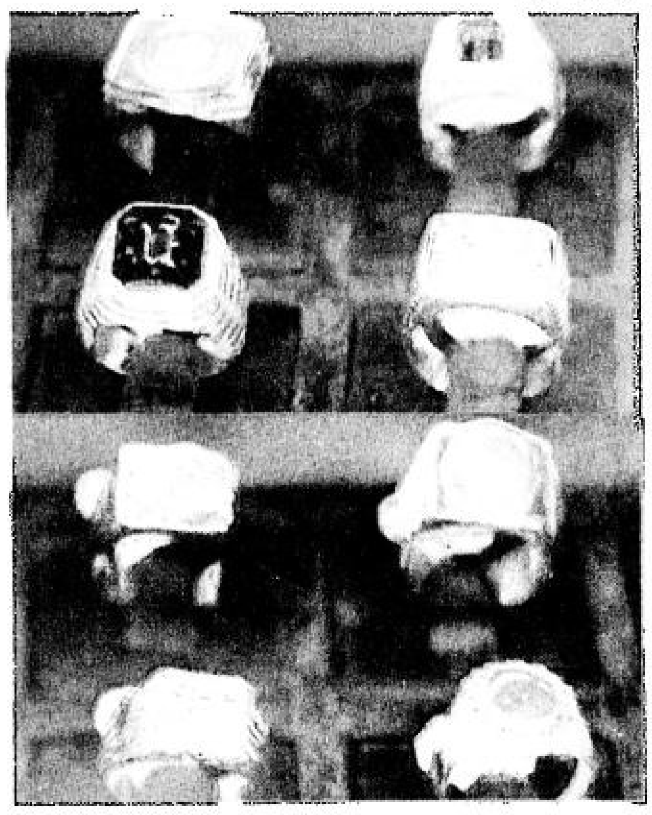


GOLD bracelets in different designs



EXQUISITE rings for men on display at Chotek Gifts shop

laces down to pendants and gold chains. He supervises the manufacturing side of his small business, making sure that every piece is executed according to design.

Yu offers people with the enthusiasm for and interest in jewelry-making opportunities to get into the business, provided they have an eye for what's going to sell, and the patience. He has even trained a small team of young jewelry enthusiasts from Bulacan on product design and manufacturing.

Unlike other countries where jewelry-making has become part of a vocational curriculum, the Philippine government has given less than enthusiastic support and incentives to the development of talented jewelry designers and craftsmen from Bulacan.

In a way, Yu has helped establish the Filipino's reputation in crafting fine jewelry by hiring Filipino talents. He says he has always believed in the creativity and craftsmanship of Filipinos. The Chinese businessman believes it is about time that Filipinos get the chance to show their expertise in jewelry-making.

Staying alive

Despite the fact that the country has faced numerous crises, the jewelry business in Binondo seems to be doing fine.

"I personally never had a bad time," says Yu. "When you are in this business, you have to be committed. There would be glitches for a month. But on a year-to-year basis, no way. When the exchange rate went up, sales increased as customers perceived the jewelry's value would increase over time," he adds, with a twinkle in his eye.

In existence for about three generations now, Chotek Gifts manages to cope with the political and economic crises in the country. Considering that customers have become more conservative about their purchases, especially non-essential goods, Chotek still does well enough to stay in business.

"Our strategy is to make sure that our products are of high quality. If we have to focus on the negative, we would never have started this business," says Yu. "When people realize the importance of buying jewelry as an investment, everybody—I mean, everybody—would really like to have the chance to have one."

Asked if he's afraid of competition, Yu says, "I was never afraid of competition because I compete on quality and not the price."

Besides, jewelry is a tradition much like the belief in the purity of "Chinese gold."

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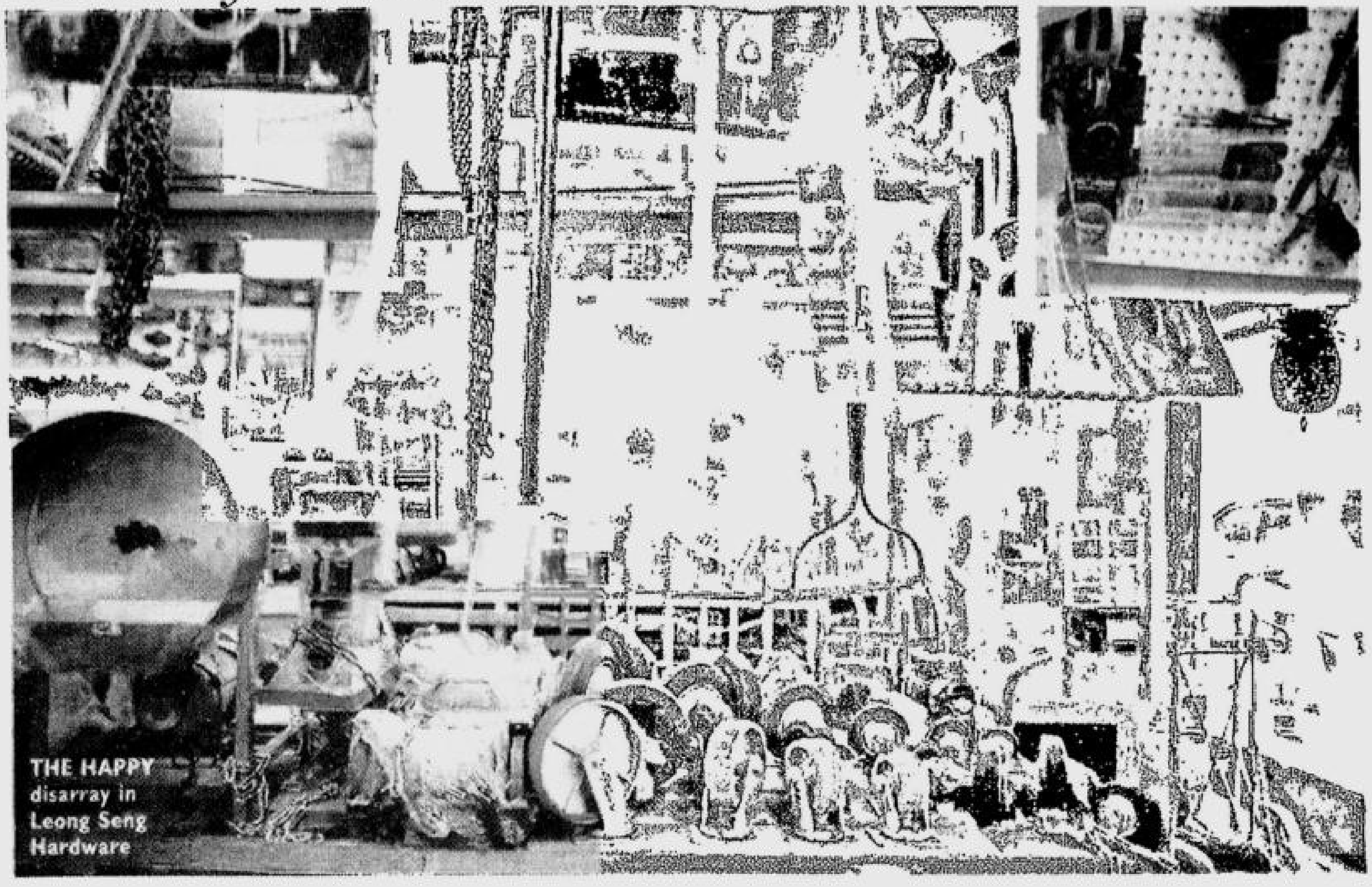
THE STORE that started it all



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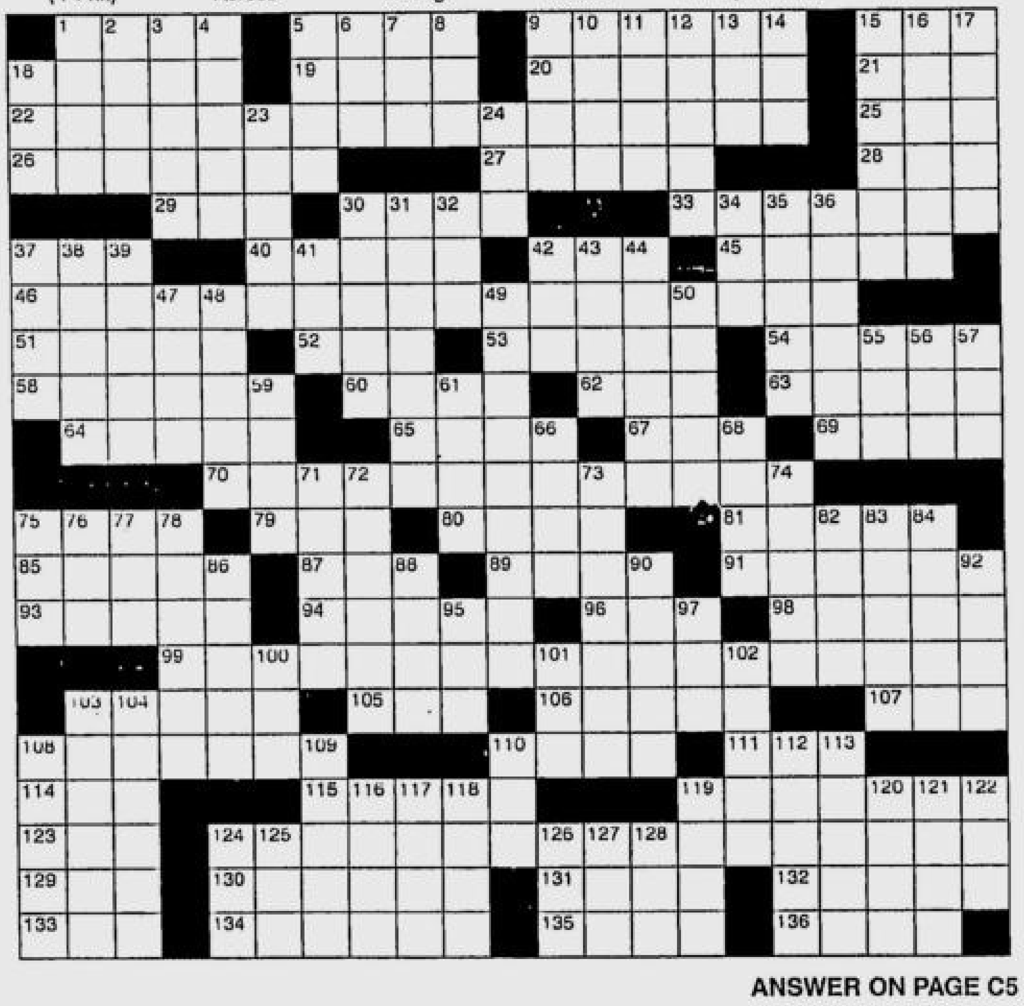

ANSWER ON PAGE C5

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Photos by Mike Alquinto

A STROLL along Soler Street would make you stumble upon shop names such as Pretty Door or Tip Top Tinsmith. The first, of course, specializes in hardwood doors with lavish carved adornment, and the second is—you guessed it.

The happy names tend to transform the scene, the spark of humor softens the hardware.

This gray part of Chinatown, in the vicinity of Soler, Tomas Mapua and Teodora Alonzo Streets, straddling Sta. Cruz and Binondo, is the hardware district of Manila. This is where you look for stuff whether you're fixing your car, decorating your bathroom, landscaping the garden or building a pavilion.

And the first person to ask should be the "king." Willie Tee sells virtually all accessories and fittings one can need, that's why he has been dubbed by those in the know as the "King of Screw."

Tee's New To Suy Hardware ("Genuine*Screw Master*Wholesaler*Retailer* Since 1954"), the first of his four stores, at 741 T. Mapua St., Sta. Cruz, Manila, was where his China-born father, Tee Ong, started the business in the 1950s.

"Puro turnilyo—kilala sa akin ng buong bansa," Tee says in truncated Tagalog.

He prides himself in having all sorts of screws imaginable, the smallest of which is the 2-mm Allen socket-head cap screw, which sells for P7. He laughingly says he has everything except screws for eyeglasses. *"Kung sa akin wala, mahirap na talagang hanapin 'yan."*

His other stores, also on T. Mapua, are Screw Master Hardware, Chun Muk Hardware Corporation and Tee To Suy Hardware. The last, at the corner of T. Mapua and C.M. Recto Avenue, is the newest and biggest, with a stockroom as startling for the largeness of its supply as for the neatness of its arrangement.

Tee's daughter Mary Grace has opened a store on Pinaglabanan Street in San Juan, Y2K Screw Hardware. He says his business is hardly affected by the economic crunch—hardware being almost as staple as food and clothing—although, of course, it slowed down, such as during the Asian economic crash a few years ago.

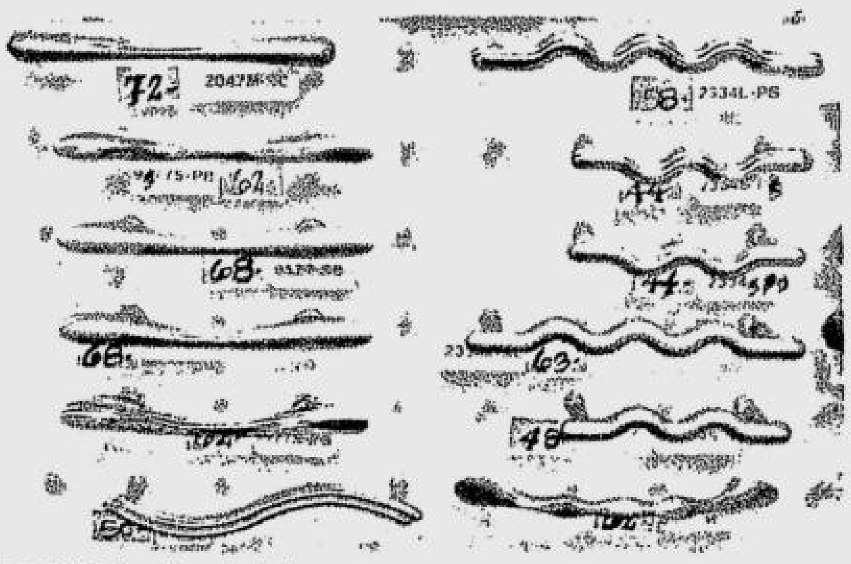
Booming business

Laid out inside the store are stainless-steel, brass, copper, galvanized-iron, aluminum, high-tensile screws, washer screws, text screws, expansion bolts, turn buckles, nails, blind rivets, lock sets, drawer locks, door locks, padlocks, handle locks, key blanks, key chains, key-cutting machines, special-size tools, nuts and bolts, chains and cables, and what-have-you.

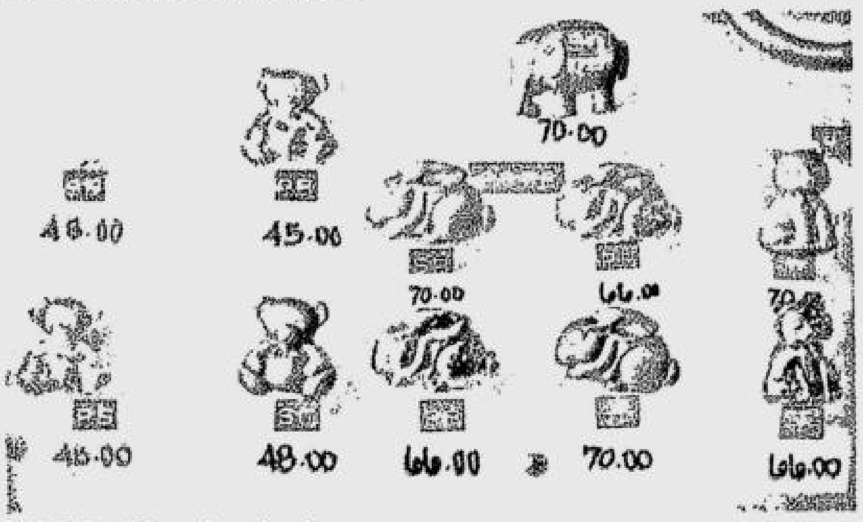
"We sell only genuine items," says Tee's son Willard, 19, a communications student in Ateneo de Manila University, who helps run the stores. "If they're Stanley tools, they're really from the US. If Daiken tools, they're really Daiken."

Tee says all tools are imported, most them coming from China and Taiwan, but 50 percent of the bolts and nuts are made in factories in Valenzuela, Malabon, Pasig.

Although he gives a 10-percent discount on wholesale, Tee says even at regular prices his goods still cost less by an average of 10 percent than those sold in malls.



DRAWER handles of all shapes



KIDDIE cabinet door knobs

Prices vary according to size, make or kind of metal. A small oddly shaped knocker sells for P60; door handles at P53-P85; drawer knobs at P38-P56 (over P100 in the malls); faucets at P35-P162; spigot at P5.

Born in Fukien, China, Tee came to the Philippines when he was 30 to help his father. He is now 60 years old and is ready to hand over control of the business to his heir apparent.

Pricing difference

A few turns around the bend is Leong Seng Hardware, a general hardware store on T. Alonzo Street. Although relatively small, it seems to be also doing brisk business, judging by the number of customers.

It has been in business since the early '50s, readily seen from the general atmosphere in the store: the acrid smell, low lighting, merry jumble of petrol flame-blower, vise grip, duct hose, fire gauge, filter mask, self-igniting torch, chemical-braided hose, welding machine, post-hole digger, water pump, grass and wood cutter.

"The economic crisis also affects this business," says Mario Ong, who's been managing the store for six years now. "Because then there are only a few constructions. There are already plenty of hardware stores in the provinces, so business has become highly competitive."

An importer (mainly from China), wholesaler and retailer, the store sells for P400 a US Eagle spade available in the malls for P500. A Jett automatic instant water heater is P7,000, and this can still be discounted. A 10-kg locally made weighing scale is P350; from China, P750; from Japan, P2,500.

"What we have here *halos pareho lang* what you can find in other stores," says Ong. But he notes that though their prices are 20-30 percent lower than those in the malls, the shopping centers still make a killing.

"Kuha nila by volume, *kami maliit lang,"* he explains.

Still, there are many things you can't find in the malls that you're likely to get in this district. As one strolls around the area, one passes by shops offering a variety of items, ranging from automotive and electrical supplies to vinyl tiles and plumbing. Occasional touches of color and humor soften the "hard" look of the area.

Arrayed near the sidewalk in New To Suy Hardware, for instance, are small pieces of metal so colorful and cute even those averse to hardware would find *nakakatuwa*. Drawer or cabinet door handles are shaped into teddy bear, rabbit, leaf, fork, spoon, cat, elephant and in pastel hues, that you'd feel you've stumbled into New To Suy Toyshop.

THE "KING of Screw" himself, Willie Tee, with son Willard

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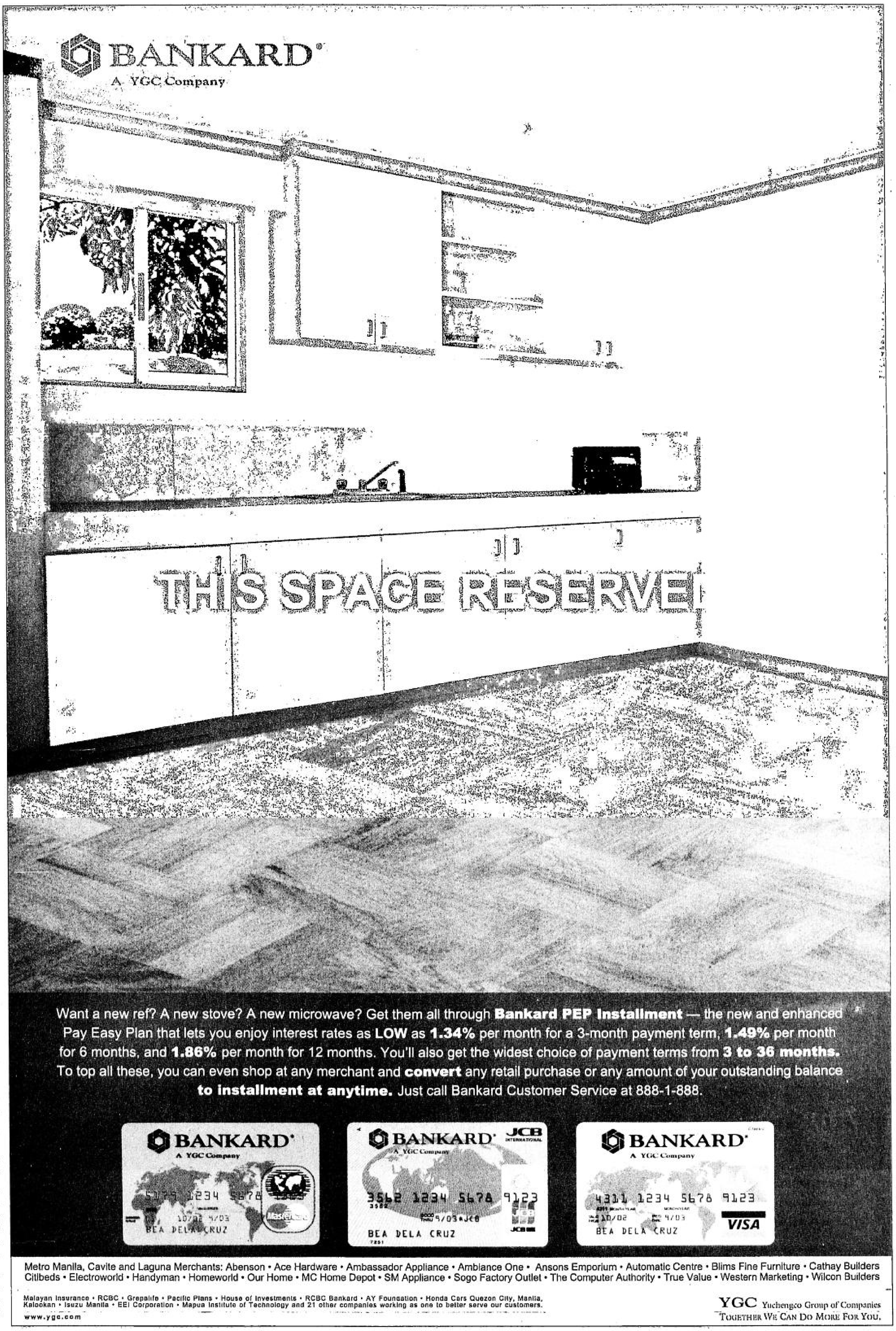

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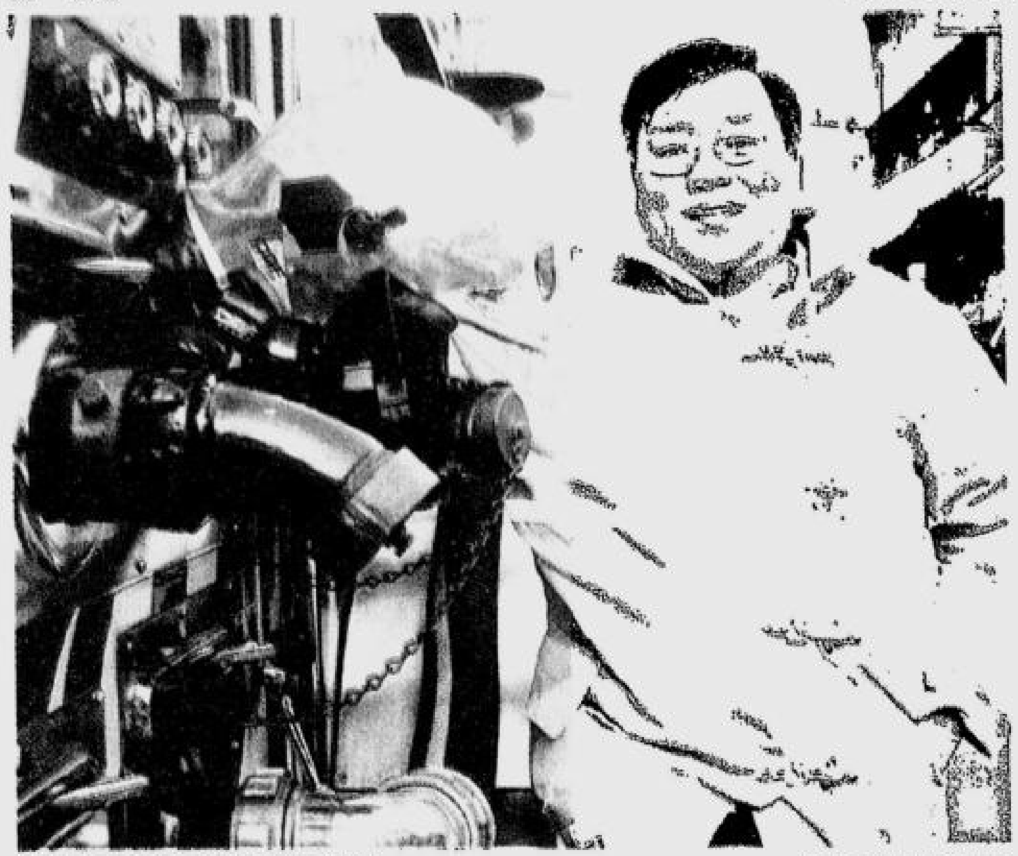

CHUA and his purple fire truck

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Why Binondo's fire truck is 'kulay ube'

Gerry Chua's life as a volunteer firefighter and 'creator' of 'hopia ube' are closely intertwined

By Alex Y. Vergara

WITH OR without his purple fire truck, Gerry Chua cuts a commanding presence. Gushing with a slew of colorful stories and hilarious asides, the burly businessman is probably the human equivalent of a loaded fire hydrant. Speaking at the top of his voice, he jumps from one tale to another, relating with gusto the intertwined fates of his *hopia* business ***(see related story on page E7)*** and firefighting career.

"I don't care what they think of my fire truck," the owner of Eng Bee Tin Chinese Deli declares, as he poses beside the purple behemoth made more garish by splashes of yellow flames on the sides. "I bought it and three others with my hard-earned money. *Katas ng hopia ube.*"

The success that Chua continues to enjoy to this day would not have been possible had he gone against his godfather's wish. The old man compelled his reluctant godson to join the Binondo Volunteers Fire, Search and Rescue Brigade, one of three volunteer firemen associations based in Manila's Chinatown.

"I was only 16 then," says the now 40-year-old Chua. "I rose from the ranks, rolling hoses

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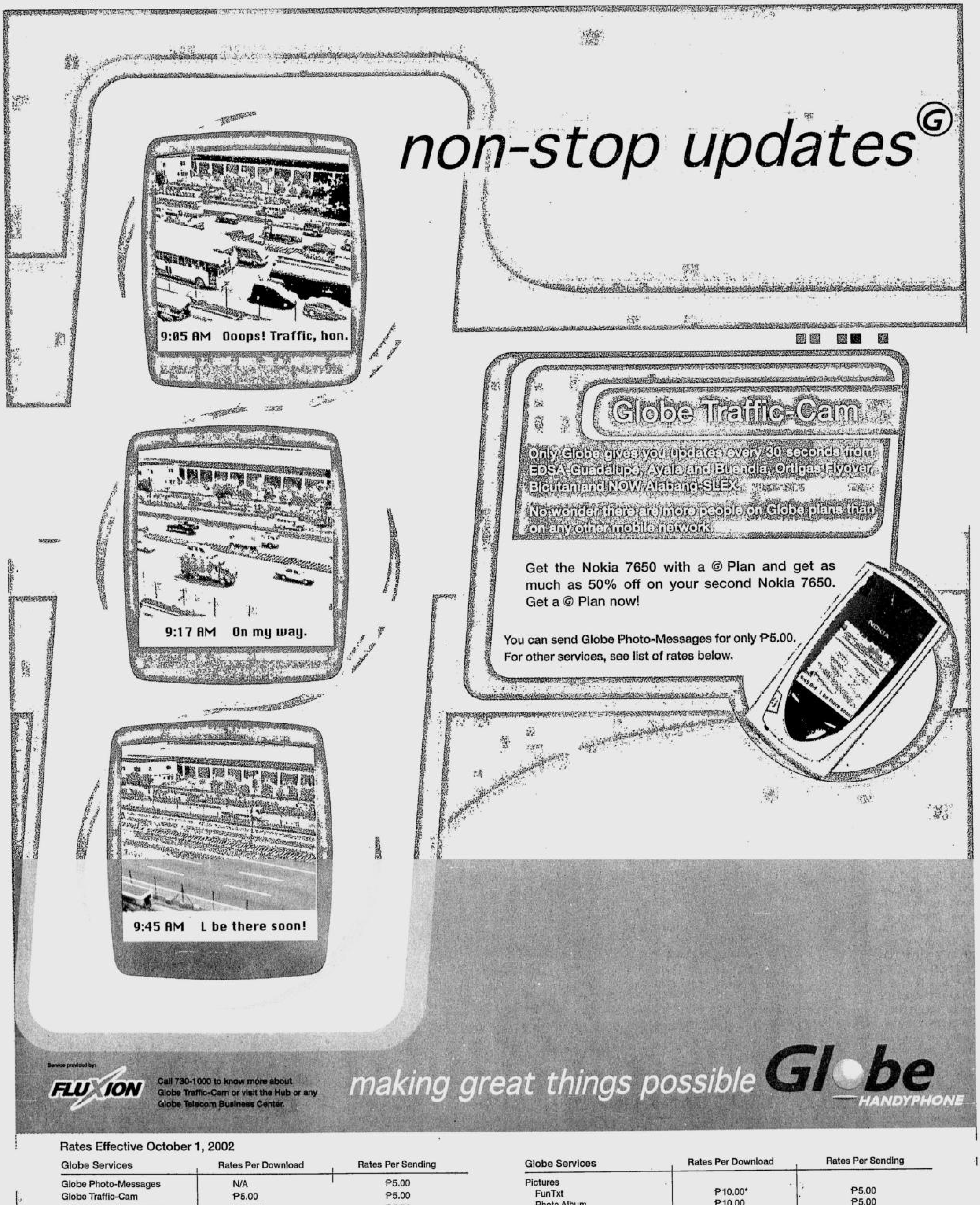

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TAGLE-DE LEON

Caroline S.M. de Leon, daughter of **Manuel Jr.** and **Milagros de Leon**, recently exchanged vows with **Nathaniel M. Tagle**, son of **Gloria Mejillano vda. de Tagle**, at the Archbishop's Palace, Mandaluyong City. Reception was held at Max's Restaurant on Shaw Boulevard. Officiating priest was Rev. Fr. **Federico C. Dizon**, MSP. The bride wore an ecru Thai silk gown encrusted with Swarovski crystals she designed herself.

PIOL-MANZANO

Teody Piol, son of **Adelina Piol**, and **Lorrie Manzano**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Salvador Manzano**, tied the knot recently at the Sacred Heart Church in Makati City. Reception was held at the Grand Ballroom of Dusit Hotel Nikko.

VALLE DEBUT

Arianne Krishna Dayao Valle, daughter of **Romeo** and **Ma. Theresa Valle**, celebrated her 18th birthday recently at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La. A freshman at De la Salle University Manila, she wore a **Joel Pros** green low-back bustier gown and a fully beaded off-shoulder lace gown for the cotillion dance. The 18 ladies of the *cotillon de honor* wore pink gowns with green beads by **Lilia Bonaobra**. **DJ Carl** of 103.5 K-Lite was the emcee.

MIGUEL-SAYAMAN

Marissa C. Sayaman, daughter of **Manuel** and **Paz Sayaman** of Imus, Cavite, wed **Joey Miguel**, son of **Pedro** and **Librada Miguel** of Bacoor, Cavite, on Sept. 7 at the Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Imus Cathedral). Reception was held at Max's Restaurant in Dasmariñas.

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Mary Jucelle Baterna, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Quirino Baterna** of Iloilo City, will wed **Colin Robert Richardson**, son of **David** (deceased) and **Sarah Elizabeth Richardson** of Appleby-in-Westmorland, England, in November at the Manila Cathedral. Receptions will be held at the Manila Hotel and early next year in the UK.

MANZANILLA DEBUT

Glaiza A. Manzanilla, daughter of **Leovigilda** and **Vidal Manzanilla**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Oct. 26 at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Glaiza is from Alabang, Muntinlupa City. She is a BS Biology student of the Far Eastern University in Manila.

SICAT DEBUT

Katrina T. Sicat, daughter of **Luis** and **Iluminada Sicat**, will celebrate her coming of age on Oct. 12 at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Katrina is from Sampaloc, Manila. She is an AB-ECM student at De la Salle University Manila. Drezee designed her gown.

DUMLAO DEBUT

Faith Victorio Dumlao celebrated her 18th birthday recently with a dinner-dance at the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La. A student at Centro Escolar University, she is the daughter of **Melchor "Butch"** and **Myrna Dumlao**. The event was organized by JohnGil Production. The debutante and her entourage wore creations by **Jonathan Pagaduan**.

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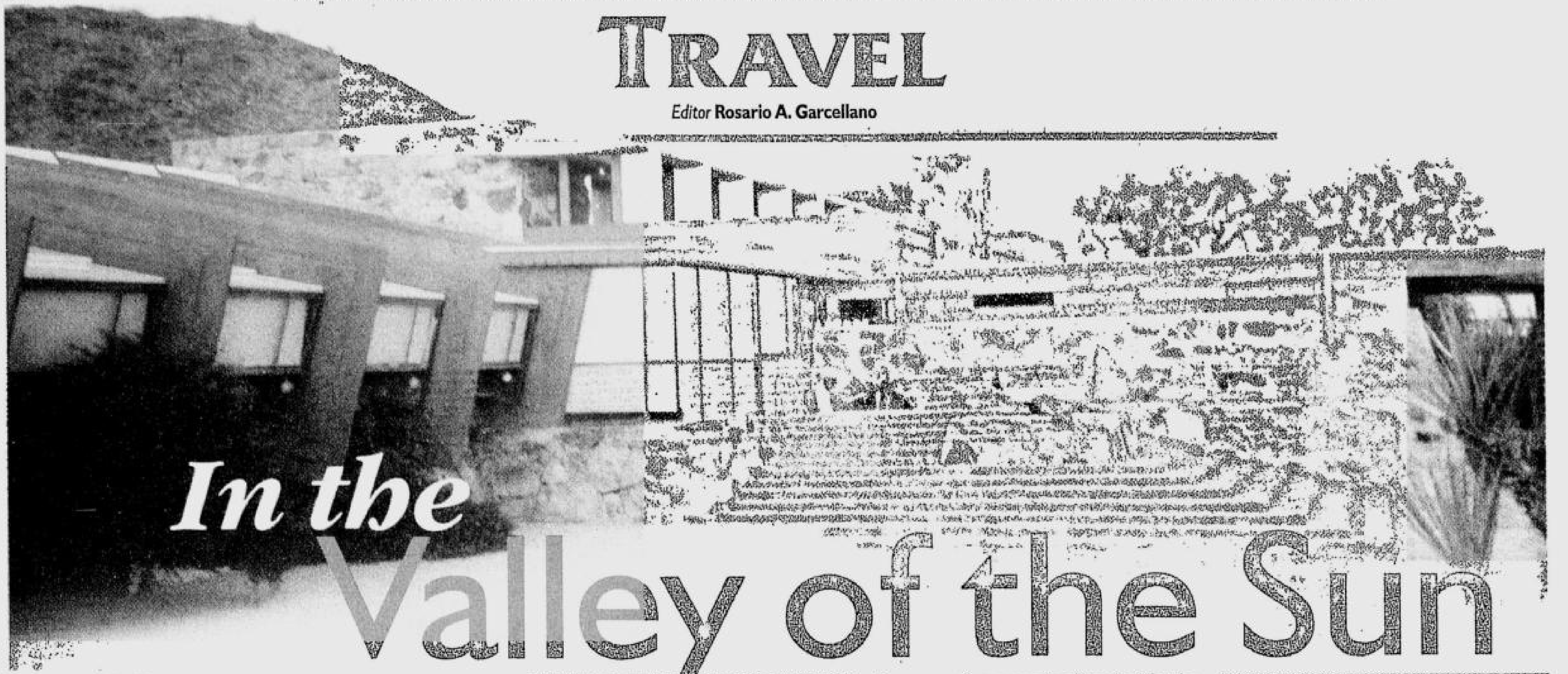


In the Valley of the Sun

By Margareth L. Tan
Contributor

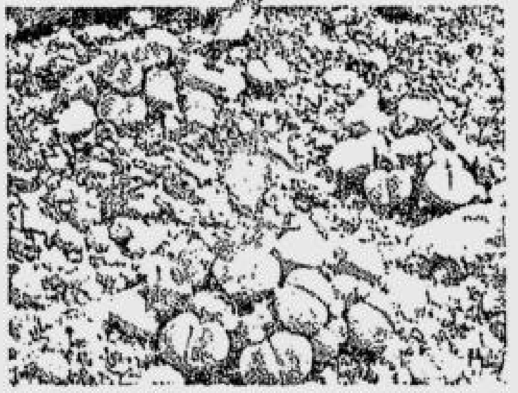
A CITY in the middle of nowhere. That phrase sprang to mind as the plane turned and Phoenix loomed into view. A few minutes earlier I had been staring at bare mountains, dry riverbeds and soil cracked by the summer heat—just mile after mile of desert. They weren't kidding when they christened this part of Arizona the Valley of the Sun, I thought. Then suddenly came block after block of low, sprawling buildings that make up the greater Phoenix metropolis.

Phoenix, capital of Arizona, is the fifth largest city in the United States, but few people would think of visiting it. (Most Filipinos seem to equate America with New York, LA or San Francisco.) I myself never gave Phoenix any thought until a business trip took me there last July. Unfortunately, July is the worst time of the year to visit the city (December is the best). The temperature can go as high as 46 C—and it did, I kid you not! But I figured this might be my one and only chance to go there, so I was determined to see and do everything it had to offer. And much to my delight, this desert city has a lot.

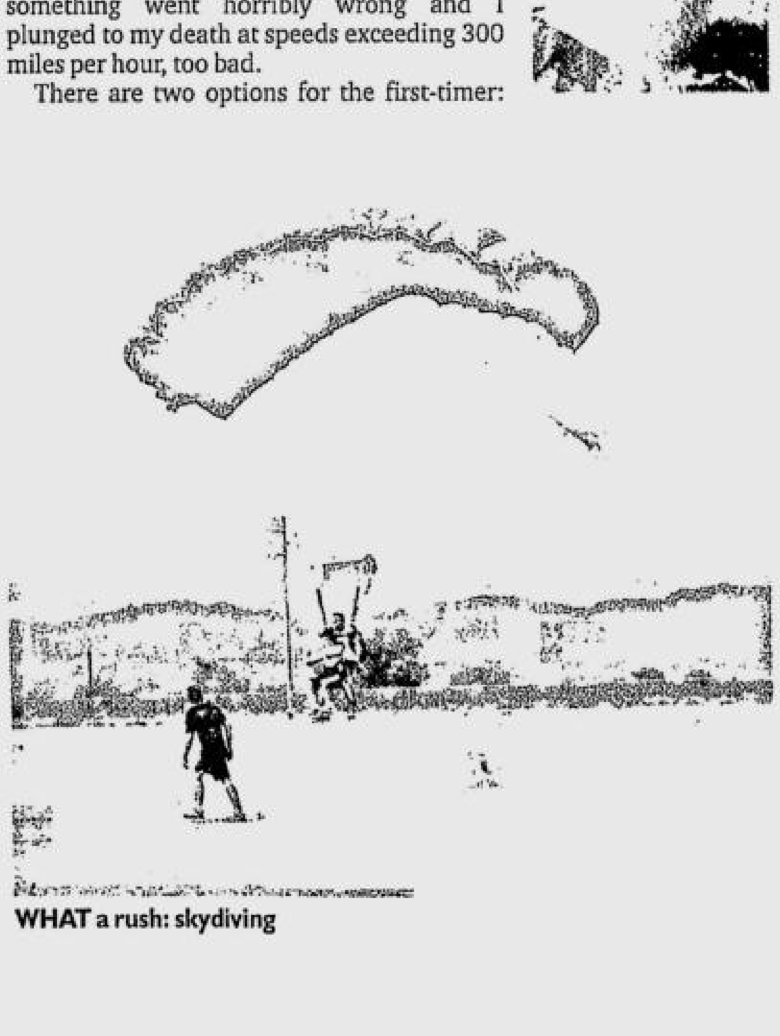
I found myself reeling from the sheer number of brochures I found at the hotel lobby. Out of the hundreds vying for my attention, my eyes lit on one word that made my heart pound: skydiving. Until then my life had been wholly terrestrial. I decided there was no way I was leaving Phoenix without trying this.

And that was how I found myself one Saturday afternoon at an isolated airport about 40 minutes from the city, signing my life away on a 6-page waiver essentially saying that if something went horribly wrong and I plunged to my death at speeds exceeding 300 miles per hour, too bad.

> It seemed so unreal. At the count of three we jumped—and fell so fast I could feel my facial muscles distorting



CACTI galore: livingstone plants, Old Man of the Andes (below left), giant saguaro (right)



WHAT a rush: skydiving

There are two options for the first-timer: static line jump or tandem skydiving. In the first, you get to jump out by yourself from 3,000 feet while a static line pulls your glider open automatically. But you have to take four or five hours of instructions to do this kind of jump. In tandem skydiving, you're harnessed to a professional who wears the parachute and you're basically just along for the ride, so you're good to go in 30 minutes. Plus, you jump from 10,000 feet and get to free-fall for about 20 seconds before the parachute is pulled open.

The instructor suited me up and after a very short briefing, we were on our way up. It took up about half an hour to reach our target destination. I was surprisingly calm, owing perhaps to my absolute faith in Tony, the instructor who's done more than 10,000 jumps over the last 17 years (or perhaps because excitement had overridden all mental processes).

Finally, it was time. Tony turned the latch, pushed open the door and told me to kneel by it while he harnessed us together. We got into position and at the count of three—jumped. And fell. So fast I could feel my facial muscles distorting. Unreal. Even as I fell I still could not believe this was actually me. It was like virtual reality gone berserk.

And then, after I'd fallen for what seemed like an eternity, the cord was pulled, letting loose the parachute that allowed me to enjoy the wonderful scenery as we glided down peacefully to earth. It was amazing. I'd do it all over again. Perhaps even without Tony next time.

If you ever go skydiving, don't expect to sleep at night because the adrenalin will be in your body long after you jumped. And don't expect to stop smiling at the memory of the experience for a couple of days, or a couple of weeks. Maybe even a couple of months.

But even if you're not into skydiving, it doesn't mean Phoenix isn't the place to let loose the adventurer in you. I found brochures for white water rafting, rock climbing, hot air ballooning, horseback riding, river tubing, even flying your own glider plane! It's no wonder a lot of Arizonans are into one outdoor sport or other. Imagine living someplace where you can go hiking up a mountain right in your backyard or go rock climbing in the middle of the city. That's Phoenix for you.

That same weekend, my host, who flies his own plane, took me to the Grand Canyon. A trip to Arizona just isn't complete without seeing how it got to be called the Canyon State. The canyon sat majestic and serene, undisturbed by the horde of tourists who visit each year, some even daring to go down to its belly. Unfortunately, we were ill equipped and time-constrained to go no farther down the canyon than a couple of hundred feet below the rim. But that was enough to make for some Kodak moments.

There's no need to despair if you don't know anyone with his own plane. Phoenix offers more than one way to get to this natural wonder. You can join a biplane tour for an aerial view of the desert, take a train for a close-up of desert life, or simply drive there in a bus or rental car.

After all that flying, falling and hiking, you'd think I would find everything else in Phoenix drab and tame. But this city has a lot more up its sleeve.

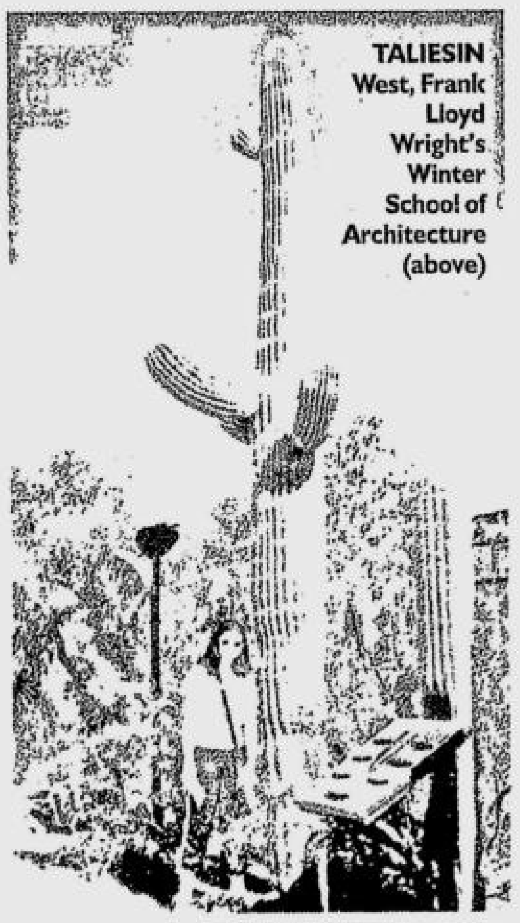
One place to visit is the Phoenix Zoo, which is home to more than 1,000 animals, including 200 endangered species of birds, mammals and reptiles from all over the world. With lush landscaping and interesting pathways, the zoo also doubles as hiking ground for the nature enthusiast. There are four main trails along which can be found animals from various regions of the planet. The Arizona Trail showcases animals native to the state. There are also the African, Tropics and Discovery Trails.

Right beside the zoo is the Desert Botanical Gardens, home to some of the most interesting desert plants from around the world. You haven't seen a cactus until you've stared up at a giant saguaro, a species native only to the Arizona desert. You will also see plants with unique names—and equally unique characteristics—like the livingstone plant, the Old Man of the Andes, the century-old agave, and the beejub tree, among others. I left the place with a better appreciation of our immobile fellow living creatures.

You can take a jump back into the gunslinging, gold-mining era of the Old West with a trip to one of the many theme parks in Arizona. Rawhide is one such place where you can pan for gold; ride a stagecoach or an old train through the desert; witness a shootout; and sample one of the best Black Angus steaks in the city.

To know a little about the culture and history of Arizona, visit the Heard and the Pueblo Grande Museums. The former is an excellent museum showcasing the culture and art of the Native American tribes found in Arizona. The latter focuses on the Hohokam Indians, a tribe that lived in Phoenix more than 1,000 years ago but mysteriously disappeared. Its centerpiece is a partially excavated, authentic platform mound, which played a central part in Hohokam life.

If museum-hopping is your thing, Phoenix has a lot, showcasing everything from contemporary art at the ASU Fine Arts Museum to fire-fighting equipment at the Fire Museum.



TALIESIN West, Frank Lloyd Wright's Winter School of Architecture (above)

Taliesin West, Frank Lloyd Wright's Winter School of Architecture, is another place worth visiting. Take one of the many guided tours through this unique campus and come to appreciate why this man is one of the greatest architects of the 20th century. Architect and non-architect alike will enjoy this non-conventional school designed with a concept of "tents made of stone."

To beat the heat, visit a water park or have a picnic in nearby lakes and rivers. For avid golfers, good news! Arizona reputedly has more golf courses than any other state in the union. And if you're the kind who prefers shopping to sightseeing, this city has everything from outlet malls and flea markets to antique centers and high-end fashion boutiques. Plus, of course, a multitude of shops offering native American and old Western souvenirs.

Indeed, this desert city is a wellspring of attractions, with a little something for everyone. One last word of advice in case you decide to visit: Bring plenty of sunblock. Then you can bask all you want in the Valley of the Sun.

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Low-cal meals

TRAVELERS flying to Europe will be assured of healthy dining starting November with the launch of low-calorie meals on Dubai's Emirates Airlines.

The new dishes will be part of the airline's Comfort in the Air program, which includes comfy first- and business-class seats, footrests in every seat, travel tips in in-flight magazines and videos, and innovative exercisers to boost blood flow while seated.

Among the dishes are grilled fillet of beef in tomato coulis, with parsley potatoes and steamed vegetables (only 267 calories) and poached salmon and hammour fillet, the Gulf's version of cod, with pepper herb sauce, baby corn, sugar snap peas and steamed Parisienne potatoes (286).

Various light recipes will make their debut every three months. They will be featured on first and business menus, and may be pre-ordered in economy.

Early birds

LOCAL governments join tour operators, resort hotels, airlines and theme parks in the list of early-bird exhibitors for the 13th Philippine Travel Mart (PTM) scheduled on Nov. 22-24 at the SM Megatrade Halls 1-3 at the SM Megamall.

Value-plus tour packages for Visit Philippines 2003 are among the fresh features of the annual tourism and travel trade mart, which has for this year's theme "Breaking the Barriers to Sustained Growth in Philippine Tourism."

Inquiries and exhibit space reservations may be made with its organizer, the Philippine Tour Operators (Philtoa), through its event management team, Global Visions Events and Marketing Network Inc., at 687-7694 and 687-7704 or gve_mktgnet@pilnet.com.

Philtoa is crafting this year's exposition to be more responsive to growth markets including the corporate sector, which has expressed increasing interest in travel-related management and business enhancement programs.

Incentive marketing conference

PALAWAN is the venue of the 7th Philippine Incentive Marketing Conference set on Oct. 12-16.

With the theme "Convergence of the Dream: People, Product, Nature and Culture," the conference will continue the tourism industry's efforts to energize, pro-

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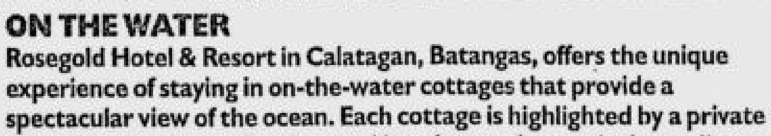

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mote and strengthen Philippine tourism destinations.

Palawan First Lady Femmes E. Reyes, chair of the local committee handling preparations for the conference, is working with the privately led Palawan Tourism Council to coordinate various activities.

The conference is organized by the Department of Tourism, Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp., and Movement of Incentive Travel Executives.

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CATHAY Pacific Airways has announced the addition of a sixth daily flight between Manila and Hong Kong starting January.

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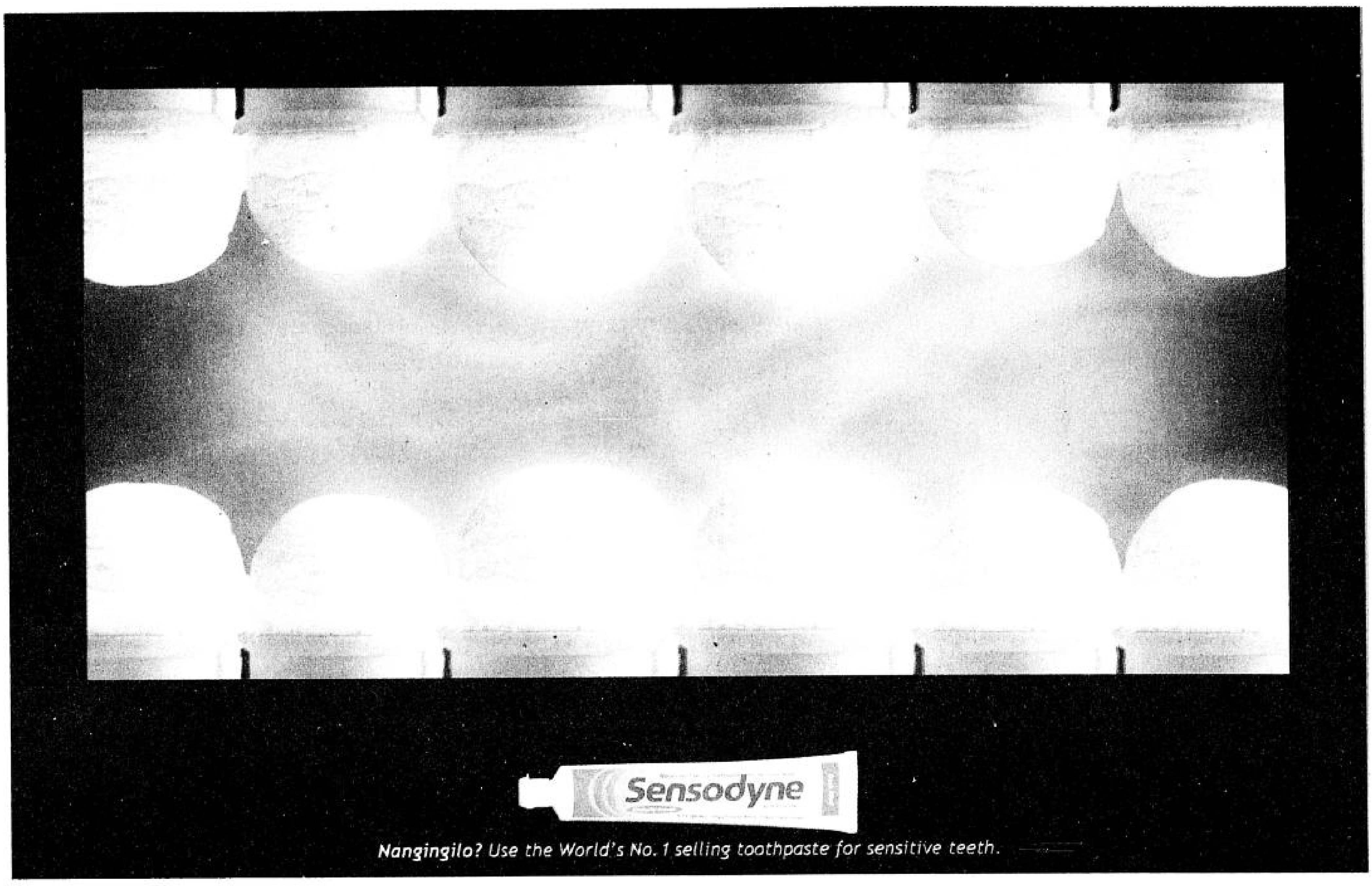
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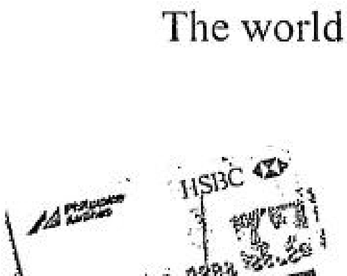

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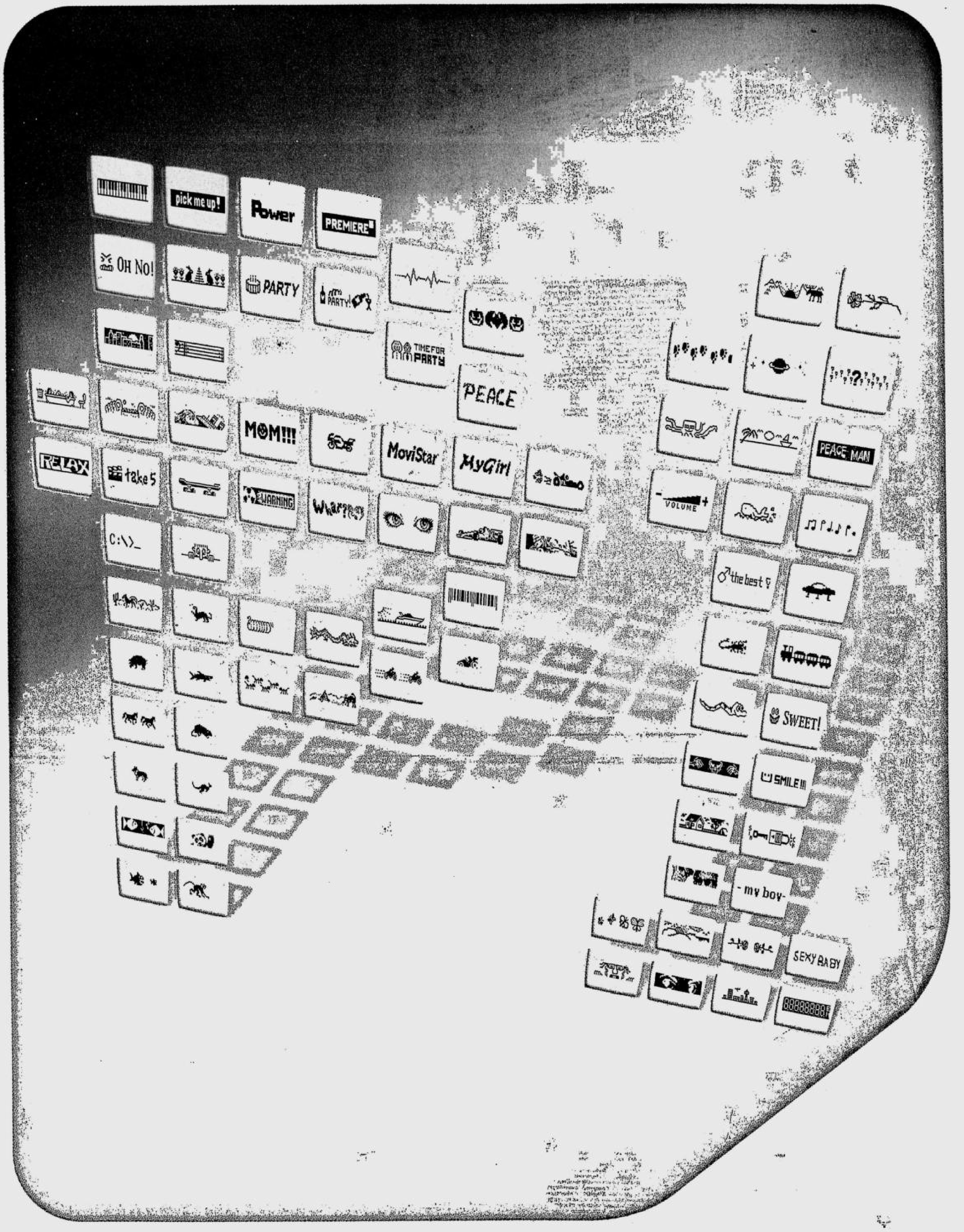
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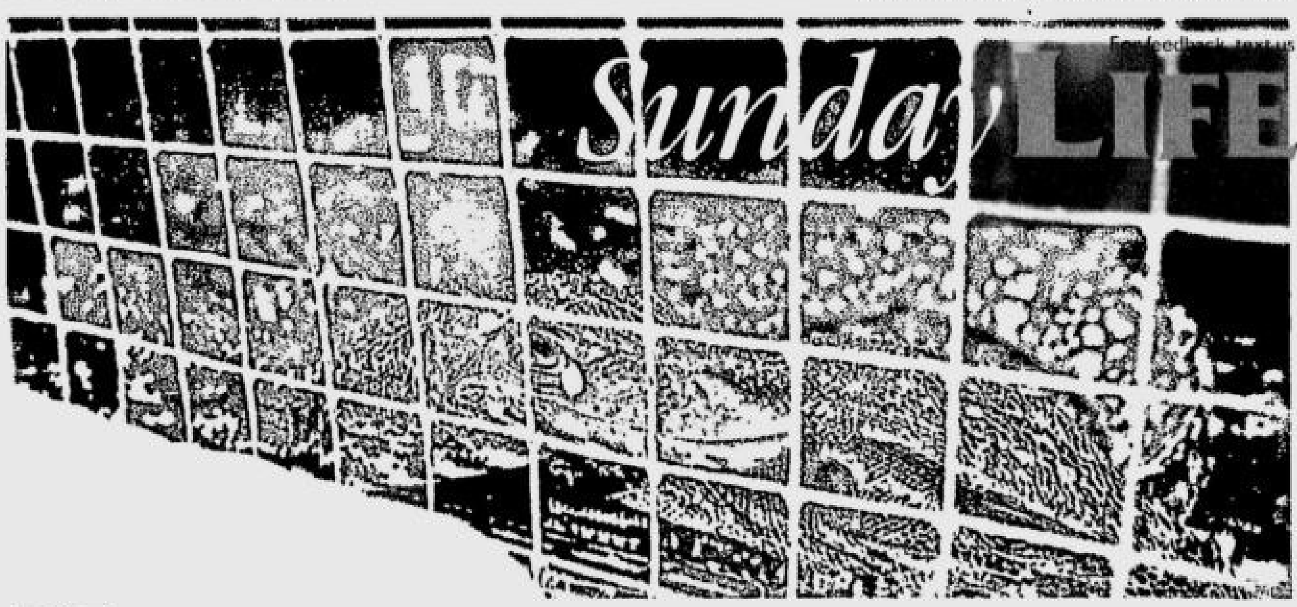

CONSUMPTION of monitor lizard (*bayawak*) is said to add vigor.

Extreme food finds for the adventurous

Text by Anne A. Jambora
Photos by Mike Alquinto

IT COULD be the pièce de résistance in a "Fear Factor" episode, the stuff adventurous tongues seek to satiate a strange yearning for the exotica. But while exciting and irresistible to some, what a few people go all the way to Arranque Market to buy may be repulsive to many.

Extreme cuisine is definitely not for everybody. Sinking your teeth into choice cuts of or slurping soup made from, say, wild cats, requires a lot of guts—no pun intended. Whether for culinary pleasure or medicinal reasons, some people actually relish exotic fauna, from amphibians to reptiles.

At the Arranque, the famous wet market in Chinatown, people who crave the unusual meal will be bursting with excitement at the wide array of choices available to them. All transactions, of course, are done with utmost discretion since many of the live edibles are considered endangered species. Simply put, it is illegal to buy and sell them. But when hunger becomes an irresistible ache for the taste of the wild, however, then this is the place to go.

Bloody treat

Snake is among the most sought-after reptiles sold here. The Chinese believe that drinking its blood cleanses the skin. Oh, and the blood must be sipped fresh and raw, while it's still dripping hot from its owner. (Think Nosferatus who believes in drinking blood while the heart is still beating.) The bile, prepared à la *adobo*, is believed to be good for the lungs and stomach. The entrée—the rest of the snake, cooked—is then served coiled on a platter. Trust the Chinese to make sure absolutely nothing goes to waste.

Another popular favorite is frogs' legs, which are either fried or grilled. Sure, many Filipinos have probably tried this delicacy for sheer gastronomical curiosity, but those tiny legs are said to be good for the knee, according to the Chinese. But at P60 per frog, many customers with bum knees won't exactly be jumping for joy and will probably want to try

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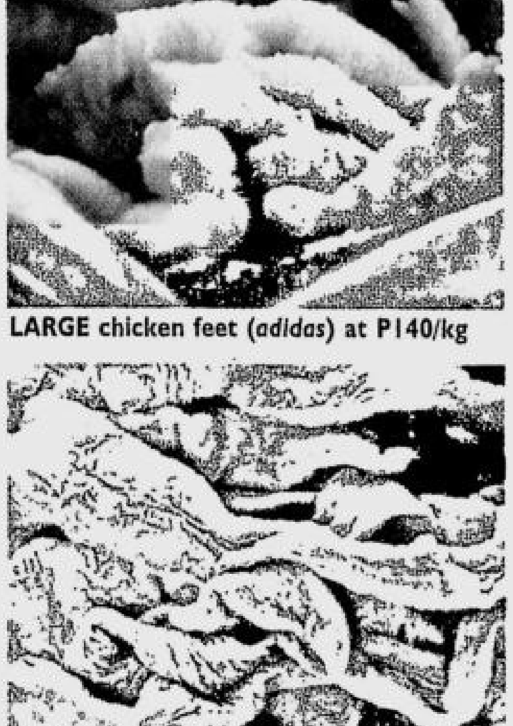
LARGE chicken feet (*adidas*) at P140/kg



TOMBONG, pig's entrails, are eaten as *pulutan*.

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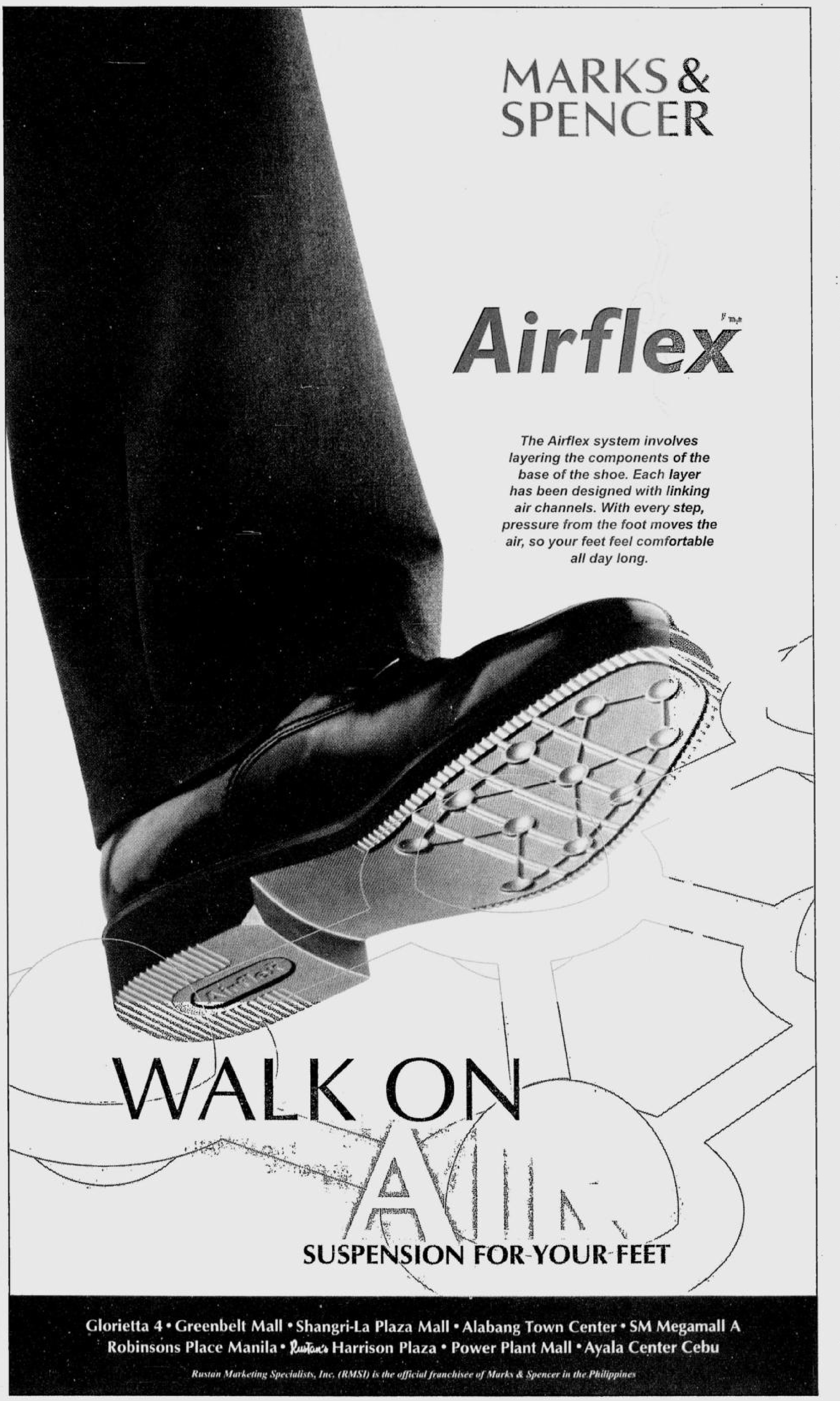

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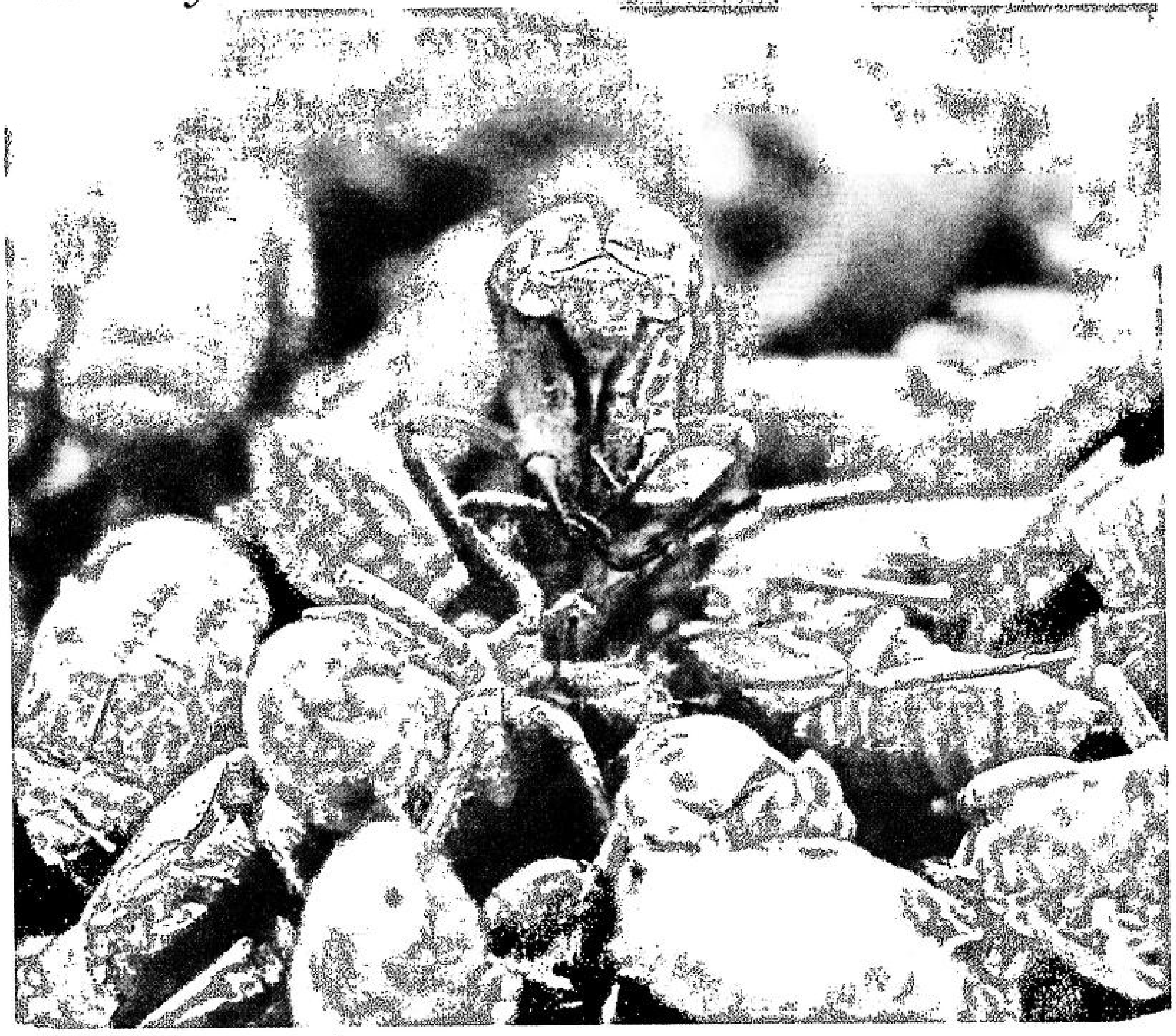

SHOO those sniffles with these beetles.

Herbs to the rescue

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Mike Alquinto

THE HONGKONG Chinese Herbal Drugstore is an authentic piece of Hong Kong in the heart of Ongpin Street. In operation since 1938, its walls and shelves on one side are lined with herbs of every kind, while the other side is filled with ointments, pills, oils and other over-the-counter and prescription medicine manufactured in China.

The store's owner, Erlinda Co-Chua, inherited the business from her grandfather, who began the business many decades ago. Co-Chua holds court in her drugstore from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Sunday, attending to customers from all over, measuring the herbs herself and minding the counter with the help of other family members.

Eyeing the various types of herbs in the glass showcase and in tiny tin cabinets, we inquire about which herb is for what. She rattles off their various uses and stresses that usually one herb can be a cure for many ills. "*Depende sa tao at sa sakit*," she explains.

Co-Chua also says they only sell the herbs based on a prescription issued by a certified doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Thus, even if you know what the herb is for, you cannot just go traipsing into the store requesting for, say, Cho-Lin, an herb that helps calm the nerves, just because you're having a bad hair day.

Co-Chua introduced us to Dr. Qiming Zheng, who graduated from the Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and is the consultant of the Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Healthcare, a division of the Department of Health. Zheng says TCM is a major healthcare system for over a quarter of the world's population. Cited as an effective system of healthcare by the National Institute of Health of America and the World Health Organization, acupuncture and Chinese medicine are becoming a serious alternative or complement to conventional medical treatment.

Effective and low-cost

"Chinese medicine," Zheng explains, "is an effective, low-cost medical treatment that works in harmony with the body and natural healing ability. Diagnosis in Chinese medicine involves the classical procedures of observation, listening, questioning and palpation, including feeling pulse quality. Treatment fo-

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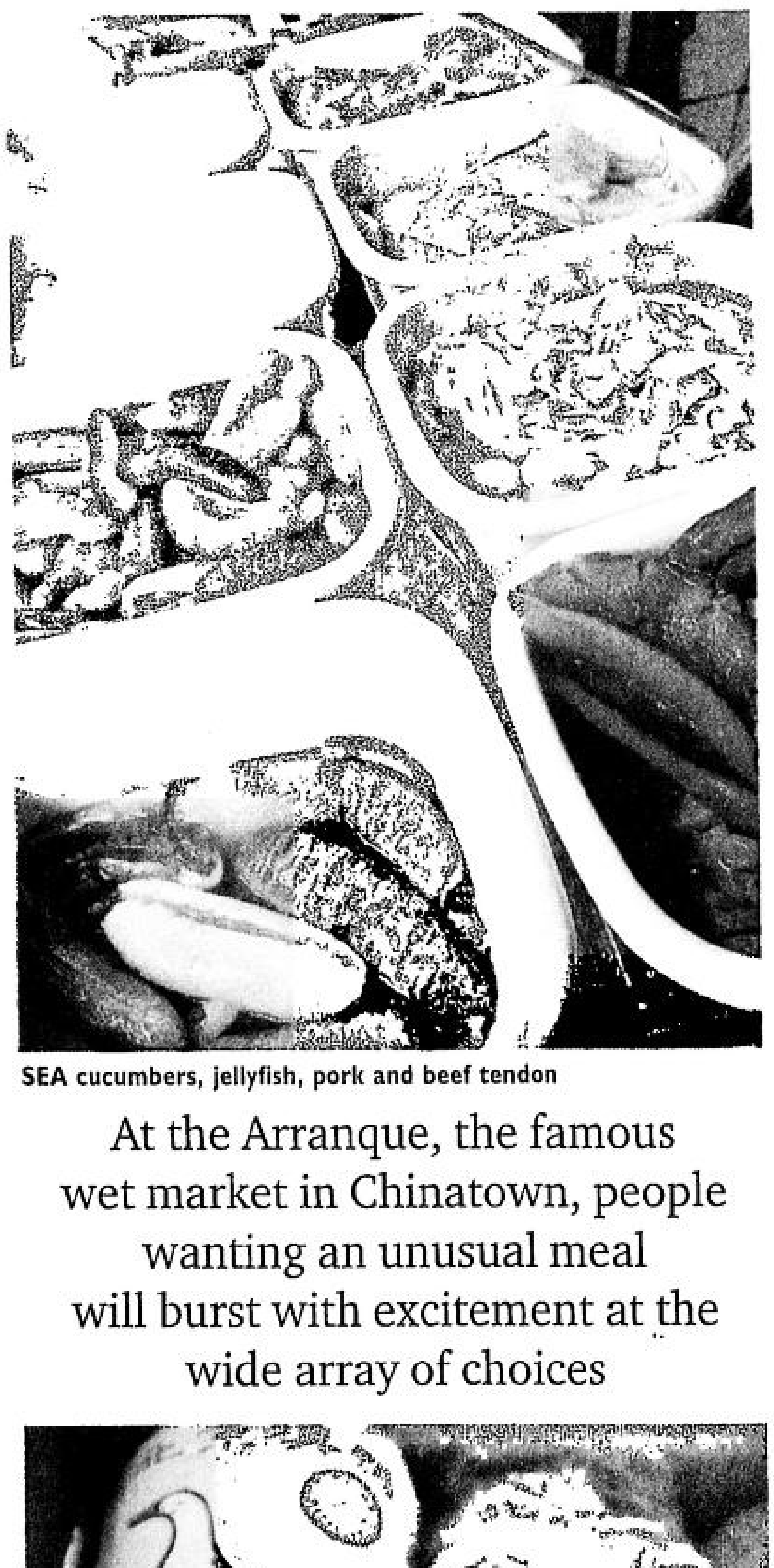
Extreme food finds for the adventurous



SEA cucumbers, jellyfish, pork and beef tendon

At the Arranque, the famous wet market in Chinatown, people wanting an unusual meal will burst with excitement at the wide array of choices

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some other remedies.

And then there are the turtles for the turtle soup, which hopefully wouldn't slow down the stride (although there's always frog's legs to fall back on). For vigor, there are the monitor lizards (*bayawak*) selling from P500 up, depending on size. Monitor lizards are first cooked as *adobo*, then dried and deep-fried.

The wild cats, at P1,500 each, are mixed with Chinese medicines when cooked. The dish is believed to cure certain ailments, but whether credit for the curative effects should go to the feline meat or the medicine, nobody knows. The wild cats, although not as cuddly as, say, Persian cats, also become some people's house pets.

Fowls are also available, from wild ducks to pigeons to black chicken used in a variety of Chinese dishes. The black chicken, in particular, is said to increase the resistance, just like ascorbic acid, when *sibot*, a Chinese herbal medicine, is mixed with its broth.

Fresh catch

A stone's throw from the Arranque is Cold Storage, a small store retailing local and imported meats from the land and the sea and managed by Elsie Sampatao. Definitely a safer alternative to the Arranque, hygienically speaking, and everything sold here is legal.

The store opened in 1996 selling only Peking duck and pigeon, both imported from China, which, Sampatao says, remain the consistent top sellers to this day. Among the birds sold, frozen, of course, are African ostrich at P600/kg, but huge enough to feed a family of five for a month, and dressed black chicken imported from Hong Kong at P80/pc.

Live black chicken, by the way, has white feathers. It got its name from its dark purple flesh akin to, well, dead meat left in the open for some time. No reason to fear though since the black chicken meat sold in the store is fresh, and it tastes like native chicken, Sampatao says.

ELSIE Sampatao, Cold Storage store manager

Clean and ready to cook large chicken feet, known in street parlance as "*adidas*," are more expensive at P140/kg. "It's a tedious task to clean chicken's feet that's why they are priced higher than the chicken itself," she says. With their sizes, just three feet will make for one hearty meal.

Pulutan such as *tombong* and *tito* are available, and so are jellyfish and sea cucumbers like *putian* and *buli-buli*, believed by the Chinese to cleanse the body of impurities. Sourced from Palawan, Bicol and Pangasinan, the sea cucumbers sell for P240-300/kg, and are generally mixed into the food, depending on taste.

Cold Storage also sells many of the usual fare, such as dry mushroom, scallops, crab claws, pork and beef tendon, dry cucumber and *taripan*, a Chinese medicine that, again, supposedly cleanses the system. For the neophyte in the exotic, this is the one-stop shop when in Chinatown since nothing offensive to the guts and person is sold here.

But if you want to be truly adventurous, then Arranque is the place for you. So next time you're running out of ideas for next week's menu or bored with the same dish day after day, check out Chinatown's Arranque so you can prepare a meal guaranteed to be memorable.

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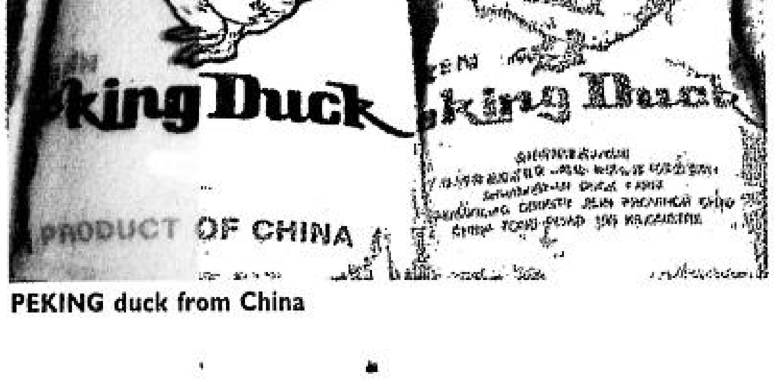
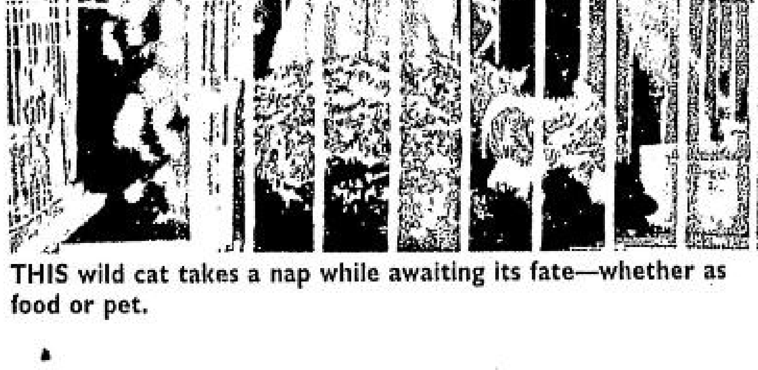


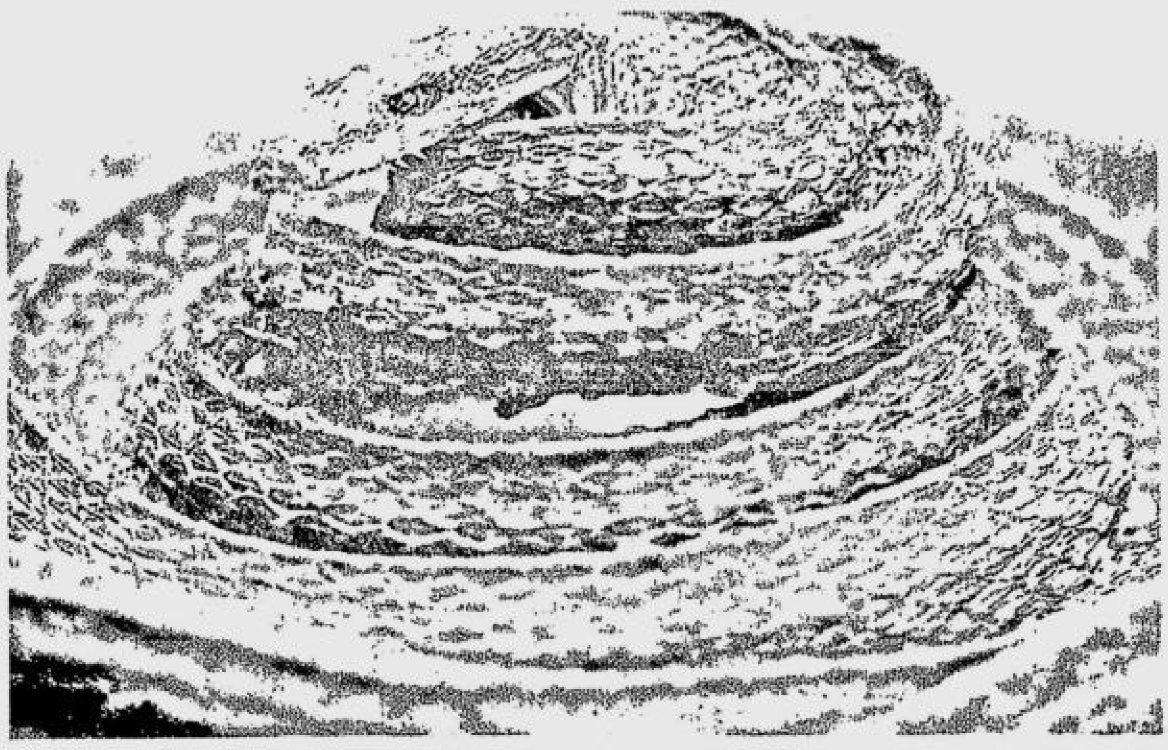
PEKING duck from China



THIS wild cat takes a nap while awaiting its fate—whether as food or pet.

PIGEONS for *shabu-shabu*

Chinese traditional medicine provides an effective and affordable alternative to Western medicine



"S" is for snake and silky skin.

ASTHMA antidote

cuses on the well-being of the entire person, not simply on the physical complaints and symptoms."

Thus, the Hongkong Chinese Herbal Drugstore is constantly abuzz with business all day long. Among the popular herbs sold there are Tien Chi, known for its cholesterol-lowering effects; Si-Bot, which increases the blood for anemics; Hocling, which is good for diabetics or those with stomach problems; White ginseng, for ulcer problems; and a host of other herbs.

Name the ailment and there is a corresponding herbal cure for it. "We get these herbs mostly from China, Japan, Singapore and Thailand," Co-Chua explains.

However, it's not all herbs at this drugstore. There are unique insects used for medicinal purposes as well. The beetle, or something that looks like it, is supposed to be good for a pesky cold. A reptile that looks like a dried snake is popular for skin ailments, while the gecko is reputed to be a good antidote for declogging arteries.

Zheng says Chinese medicine's effects are gentle and free of the side effects of Western drugs. "As a form of primary healthcare, Chinese medicine addresses a broad range of conditions that Western medicine finds difficult to treat, such as stress, depression, addiction, chronic pain, allergies, migraines and low back pain," he explains. In addition to treating primary health complaints, the benefits of Chinese medicine include pain relief, immune enhancement, and increased energy and well-being.

Other herbs

If you are afraid to go the way of herbs, the other half of the drug store may catch your fancy, most especially if you are the type who suffers constantly from various muscle aches and pains. Think of Katinko for rheumatism, or Chin Lok Tung for arthritis. There is also an entire shelf devoted to various brands of green tea known for its cleansing properties. Co-Chua says it's not only the Chinese-Filipinos who come to her drugstore, but just about everyone who believes in TCM or people who have tried their products and come back for those hard-to-find ointments or medicine.

Dr. Qiming Zheng says that TCM's use has tremendously expanded and gained wide global acceptance and popularity. "In the Philippines, the practice of traditional medicine passed on from generation to generation has gained a deep significance in health delivery, considering the expensive western medical treatment that most Filipinos can not afford."

The Department of Health, when it was under Health Secretary Juan M. Flavier, issued Administrative Order No. 12 in 1992 and formulated the traditional medicine program. The order and program have given strong impetus to traditional medicine nationwide.

So, with drugstores like Co-Chua's, you need not scale the Great Wall to find what you need to heal in a natural way that bothersome ailment.

Hongkong Chinese Herbal Drugstore is located on Ongpin Street. Dr. Qiming Zheng may be reached at tel. 242-0751 or e-mail acuherb@info.com.ph.

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HERB lady Erlinda Co-Chua in her drugstore

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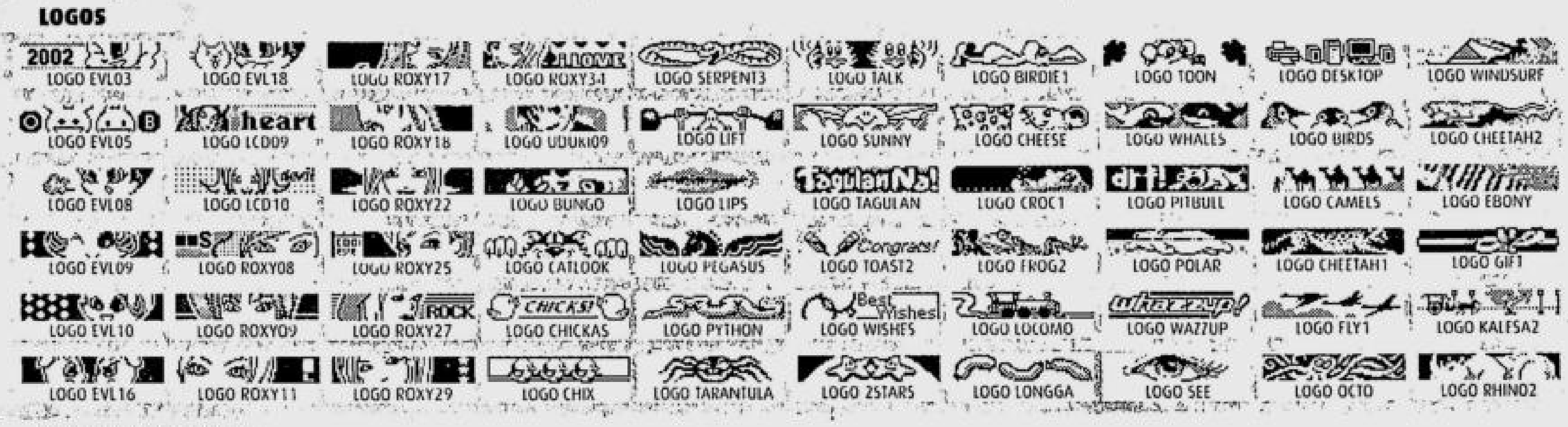

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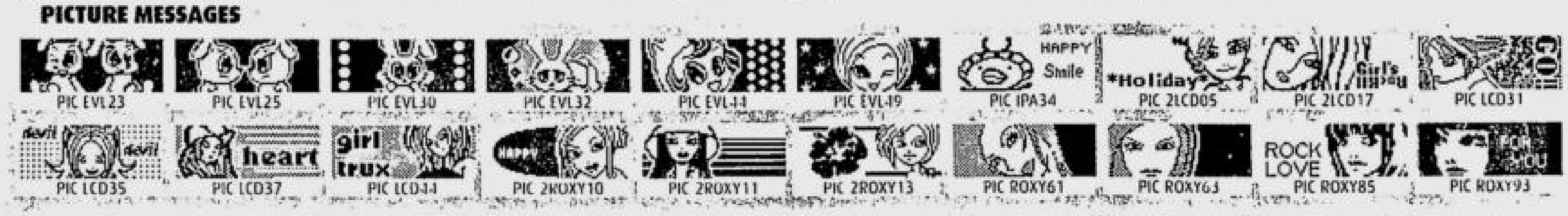

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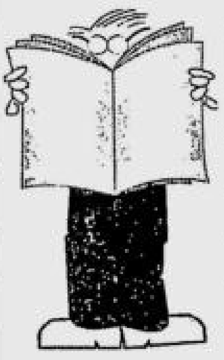

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- With above average command of both English and Tagalog, oral and written, and must be customer oriented

B) Assistant Store Managers

- Male or Female, between 23 and 28 years of age
- College degree holder of BS Hotel and Restaurant Management, BS Business Administration Major in Management or any related course
- At least 1-2 years experience as an Assistant Store Manager in the Quick Service Industry
- Willing to undergo extensive training, be assigned in any outlet and have a rotating work schedule
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- ➢ Must be computer literate

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HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIAL GASES, INC.
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Look for Kathleen

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DEADLINE : October 11, 2002

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- Excellent reading comprehension skills, problem solving and data analysis skills
- Has the ability to absorb and utilize complex information
- Has initiative, an eye for detail and excellent customer service skills
- Basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Willing to work on night schedule

As these are URGENT position vacancies, qualified applicants are encouraged to send their updated CV's with a photocopy of their Transcript of Records to: SYKES ASIA, INC., 26F Robinson's Summit Building, Ayala Ave., Makati City or e-mail these to hrd@man.ph.sykes.com.

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Finding the right career in the age of the Internet

By Joey G. Alarilla
INQ7.net

WITH companies coping with the economic crunch and more graduates seeking to join the workforce, it's no wonder that Filipinos are finding it even harder to find a job—let alone one they truly like. In these tough times, job seekers need every tool they can get to facilitate the job application process and increase their chances of being hired.

At the Jobz Employment Expo 2002 held at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City from Oct. 1 to 3, companies and job seekers are relying on a mix of traditional and online job market tools to make the right match.

INQ7 Interactive Inc.'s JobMarket Online and the Philippine Daily Inquirer's Job Market are the expo organizers, which features the job booths of the country's leading corporations.

The job fair offers different avenues for companies to post their job openings and for job seekers to submit their resumés. Apart from visiting the booths of participating companies, job seekers milled in front of job posting boards to check the available positions. The companies also had pigeonholes where job applicants could leave their resumés.

Job seekers also logged on to www.jobmarketonline.com to post their resumés using the site's online forms.

The JobMarket Online Resumé Reserve form consists of four parts: personal information, educational attainment, work experience and career preference. For job seekers, posting online offers a competitive advantage because these resumés will be viewed by the country's top 1, 000 corporations. Meanwhile, companies enjoy continuing access to an updated database of high-potential and computer-literate job applicants.

"The Internet definitely helps a lot," said Mary Rose dela Cruz, one of the job seekers that attended the Jobz expo on the first day.

Dela Cruz finished a degree in Foreign Service at the Lyceum.

"It definitely makes the job process easier and it's more accessible to users," she added.

Mark, a job seeker who declined to give his full name, commented that many of the job openings were "sales-related."

"But aside from that, it's good that there are many options (for submitting our resumés)," he said.

Apart from giving job seekers different options, the expo also featured seminars offering insights on successful job hunting, including tips on how to conduct yourself during job interviews.

Marilyn Dee, marketing officer of INQ7 Interactive, said that the job fair offers a valuable service to jobseekers and to the companies that advertise in Job Market and JobMarket Online.

"For advertisers, Jobz already has a reputation for getting good results. The job fair also helps job seekers a lot because it offers convenience. All the job openings are already on one place, especially since the job fair has an online component through JobMarket Online. Since they can log on to the site and post their resumés online through the PCs available at the expo, we are providing free use of the Internet for these job seekers," Dee said.

Attendees are also asked to fill up JobMarket Online survey forms at the INQ7.net booth and PC stations.

"The goal of the survey forms is two-pronged. We want to gauge to what extent the typical job seeker is aware of JobMarket Online and the different services the site offers. Also, we want to know what improvements can be done based on feedback from the users," she said.

Hospitality people

By: Vic Alcuaz

HOTELS, resorts, restaurants & bars, casinos, golf & country clubs, serviced residences and theme & entertainment parks are among establishments belonging to the hospitality industry. The Association of Human Resources Managers in the Hospitality Industry (AHRM) plays a vital role in the development of the human resources function among it's member establishments, ensuring that above all. respect for our Filipino culture and values is properly imbibed by its collective workforce.

Hospitality movements

The Oakwood Premiere (owned by the Ayala Hotels), perhaps the leader in the field of serviced residences located right above Glorietta 4 is now managed by a seasoned Italian hotelier, ROBERTO ROSETTI, taking over from PETER LUKAS who has moved on to Oakwood Tokyo. Mr Rosetti's previous assignments include a 9-year stint in one of hoteliers' most desired city, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. He was General Manager of the Dubai Holiday Inn and the Crown Plaza (both hotels now belong to the 6 Continents chain, among the top 3 international chains in the world). The Hyatt Regency Manila on the other hand welcomes back a former Food & Beverage Director now GM of the hotel, FARID SCHOUCAIR. The first time Mr Schoucair was in the hotel was from 1992 to 1996. The Hyatt, a 35-year old property has maintained a very good reputation of being a first class hotel through the years. A living witness of the hotel's prolific history is RUDY FRANCISCO, Calesa Bar's resident pianist and musical director since the day the hotel opened in 1968. Maestro Francisco has discovered some of our country's best performers among them VERNI VARGA, JANET BASCO and LANI MISALUCHA.

If only ALBERT SEELAND were alive today, he would have shared the same honor with Maestro Francisco, having started with the Hyatt even before it opened. Albert was the indefatigable manager of Tempura Misono, one of the country's longest running and most authentic Japanese restaurants.

Hospitality opportunities

The membership of the Association of Human Resources Managers in the Hospitality Industry (AHRM) include the best and finest hotels, resorts and restaurants in Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao. Our members establishments have opportunities for the following positions: General Managers, F&B Directors/ Managers/Supervisors, Banquet Manager, Banquet Sales Manager, Executive Chefs/Sous Chefs/Chef de Parties/Commis 1,2 & 3, Pastry Chefs/Cooks, Restaurant Managers/Supervisors/ Captains, Director of Marketing & Sales, Sales & Account Managers/Executives, PR Manager, Commissary Manager, Purchasing/Materials Managers, Security Managers, HR Managers/Supervisors/Assistants, Health Club Manager, Accountants/Accounting Assistants, Shift Engineers, Housekeeping Supervisors, Casino Table Supervisors, Veterinarian, Executive Secretary, Butlers, Concierge, Doormen, Waiters, Bartenders, Masseuses, Valet Parkers and Drivers.

Interested applicants may email their resumés to: ahrm@eastern.com.ph or drop their hard copies at: AHRM Recruitment c/o The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Ave Corner Yague St., Makati, Metro Manila

Hospitality trivia

In this industry that is yet dominated by expatriate executives in the GM, F&B Director and Executive Chef positions, it is definitely heart-warming to see Filipinos appointed to these posts every now and then. Do you know who was the first Filipino to be appointed General Manager of an international hotel chain in the country and when this appointment took place? If you know the answer you may email them at: hospitalitypeople@eastern.com.ph. The first 5 respondents will receive gift checks from our member establishments.

(Vic Alcuaz is President of HotelStaff Philippines, a hospitality executive search firm. He was a past president and current member of the Association of Human Resources Managers in the Hospitality Industry (AHRM). He may be reached via email: vicalcuaz@hotmail.com or you may browse his company website at: www.hotelstaff.com.ph)

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- With at least 3 years store management experience in a retail environment
- Will report to the Operation Manager

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- Experience in service-oriented companies like retail and fastfood will be an advantage
- Must possess strong leadership skills and willing to work on weekends and holidays

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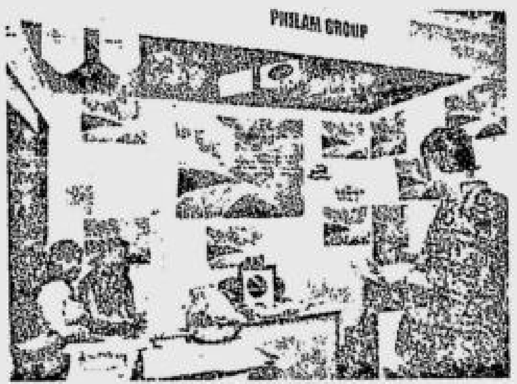
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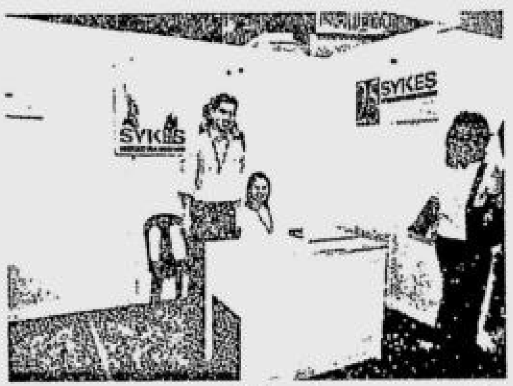
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Interested parties may send their current comprehensive resume with recent 1"x1" photo to:

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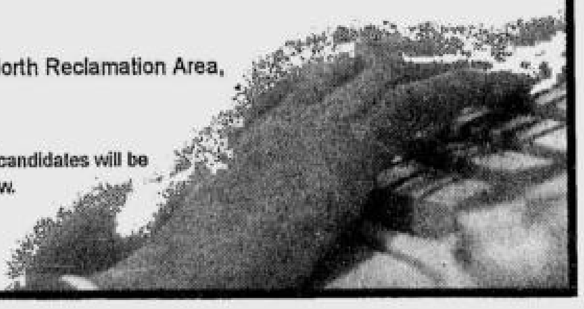

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- Male, 21 - 30 years old, Graduate of any vocational, Engineering or undergraduate willing to be assigned in Laguna.

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- Male / Female, 25-40 years old, with 3-4 years experience in programming COBOL / CICS, DB2, JCL and VSAM

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- ✓ Male (at least 5'6" in height) or Female (at least 5'4" in height)
- ✓ Must have excellent communications and interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Must be personable and with excellent interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Experience in fine dining or fast food industry is a definite advantage.

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- ✓ Must have at least two (2) years experience in handling Recruitment and Personnel Administration functions.
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- ✓ Preferably Hotel & Restaurant Major or with at least 2-years work experience in an upscale Pastry shop, Artistic and Specializes in cake decorating.
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(Part-Time / Full-Time)

- ✓ Male (at least 5'6" in height) or Female (at least 5'4" in height)
- ✓ Must be presentable and with excellent communication skills.

KITCHEN STAFF / RIDERS

- ✓ Male (at least 5'6" in height), not more than 28 years old.
- ✓ Graduates of any 4-year course.
- ✓ With express delivery experience in fine dining restaurant or fast food industry.

Interested candidates are requested to submit personally their updated resumé and 2x2 recent picture to: HD MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION PHILS., INC., Human Resources Department, Unit 2401B West Tower, Tektite Building, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Telephone Nos. 631-0077/631-0109, E-mail add: hrd.hdmd@newmail.net

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Executive Chefs

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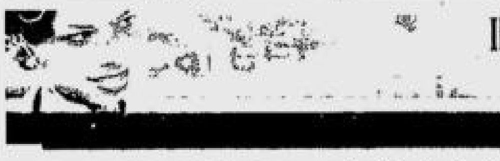

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hard. Modeling there is not a social event, like it is here. People there are busy, so you need the discipline." But she did have fun, attending agency and designer parties, and meeting the man who would eventually become her fiancé, American pilot Alex Bangert. "When he told me he lived in the Philippines and had gone surfing in Siargao, I thought, 'Yeah, right.' *Yun pala*, it was true!"

Gemith moved to New York for a few more stints before finally leaving the business. "Of course, my agents were a little pissed," she laughs. "But I never really wanted to stay in modeling. Not that it was bad, but I always knew I was going to do something else, and that's why I was very tenacious and focused." She had been saving up for either an MBA or flying school, "since I didn't know yet if I would be good at flying," but when she finally got off the ground, there was no turning back. "It became more like a break for me. At least I didn't have to worry about fixing myself, and I really felt like a student." Her family's initial skepticism gave way to all-out support when they learned that Gemith had, indeed, passed with, er, flying colors.

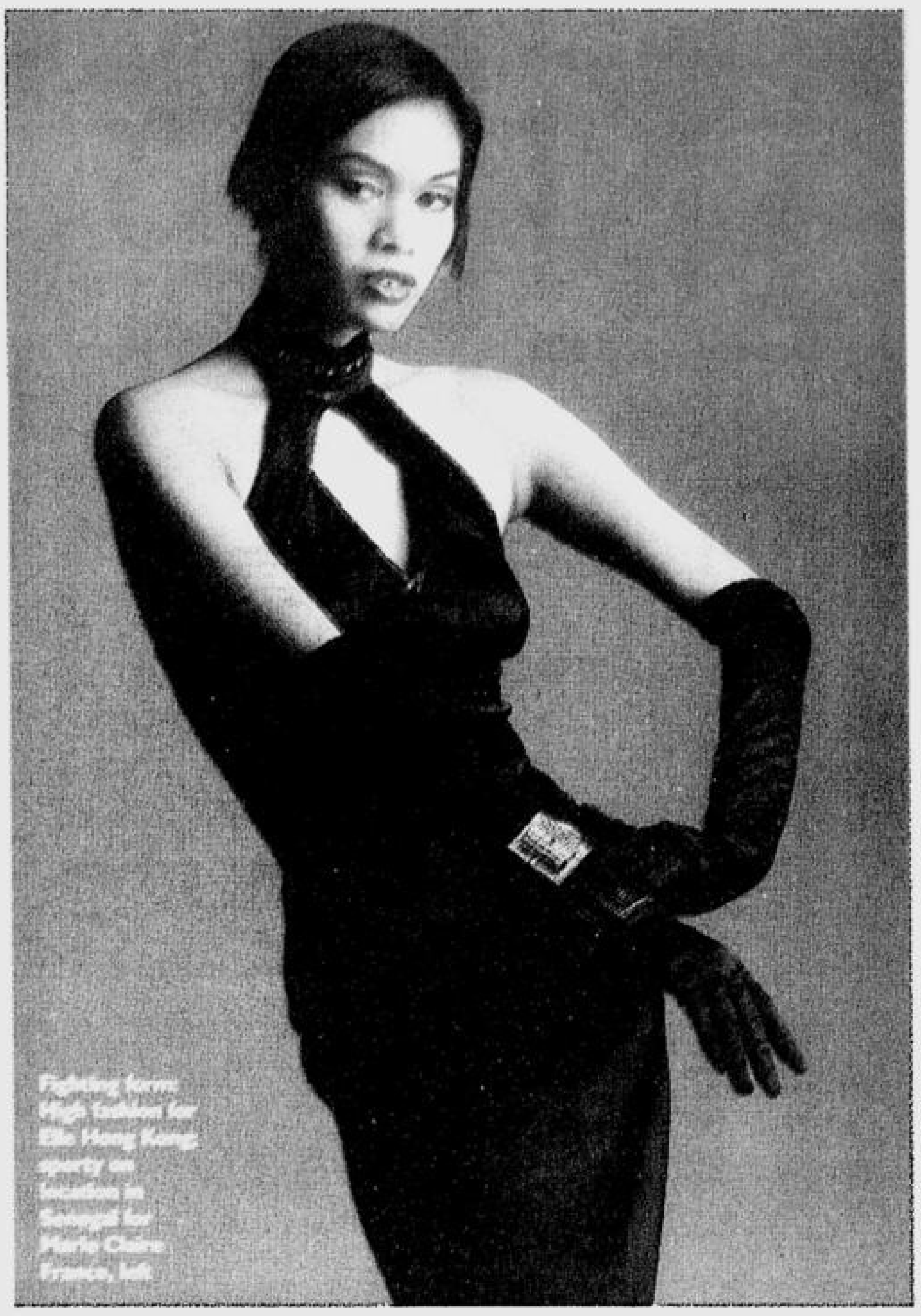
Coming home to work for PAL, Gemith met up with skepticism in the beginning. "Like, they would ask, 'Is she for real? Why is she always just smiling?'" But Gemith is perennially cool by nature, and non-believers are not her problem. "For PAL to have accepted me says something about me, as I passed their standards, and it says something about them, as well, being dynamic and proactive enough to hire me. In Asia, not too many airlines have female pilots—none in Cathay or Singapore or Thai Airways. I give PAL a thumbs-up for that." Gemith is only one of two female pilots currently working for PAL, the other being the more senior Edith Alegre.

Did modeling teach her anything that she still applies today? "The *chika*," she laughs. "It's definitely there. Plus, you're not afraid of anything anymore, you build your confidence. They say modeling stagnates your brain and makes you dumb, but that's up to you, really. If you choose that path, you can be that way. But there's lots of positive energy and knowledge and resources available to you as a model. It matured me as a person. It's not about being proud of yourself, but knowing yourself, your strengths and weaknesses."

The international exposure also broadened her outlook immensely. "If I didn't live abroad, wasn't on my own or didn't have to make certain decisions myself, I would not have had these realizations. Many times we don't make decisions because we're afraid. I just go, go, go, because that's what I want to do, that's what I think God wants me to do. That's my drive and my passion."

Today, First Officer Gemparo is one level shy of becoming a Captain, the person who flies the plane. Part of her training, however, usually means taking over for half of a round-trip leg. Gemith flies the B737. Having traveled the world as a model, the sightseeing is no longer her motivation; Gemith simply likes to fly, and the comfortable way she banters with technicians at the hangar for the shoot reveals that she knows what she wants. "The camaraderie is good, especially among pilots. I wouldn't be staying here if I wasn't happy."

Having trained in the US, Gemith takes her hat off to Pinoy pilots for doing well, "considering what we have. It's only in major provinces that we have landing systems that allow you to land without a visual guide, for example. Otherwise, you have shorter, narrower runways, no lights, and traffic controllers who are not as experienced. In the US it's easier because they have the budget, the facilities. *Dito, may aso, may kalabaw sa* runway—you can't take off because there's a dog on the airport runway! I just laugh about it, though, even when my captain is already so mad."



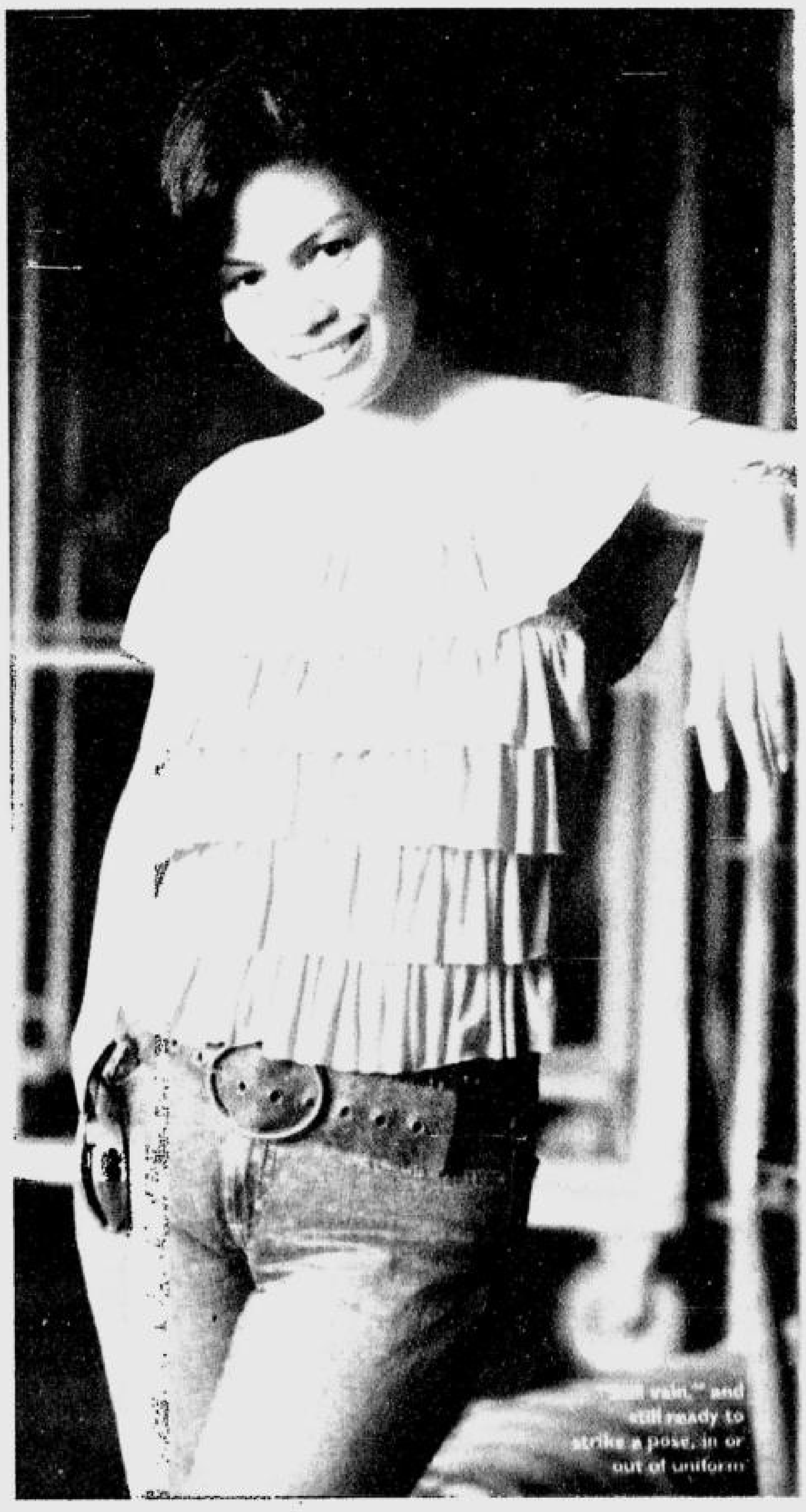
Fighting form: High fashion for Elle Hong Kong; sporty on location in Senegal for Marie Claire France, left

Being a good pilot, Gemith believes, simply means "being professional in what you do. The technical part makes a good pilot, but a great pilot also has the interpersonal skills for dealing with co-pilots, peers, maintenance, ground personnel, management." It's a skill Gemith is obviously working on; recently, she was one of 20 pilots chosen to share knowledge with other PAL employees in the company's Crew Resource Management program. She also takes off, on her own, for additional courses in Aviation Safety in the States, and hopes to tuck a master's degree under her belt one day. "I chose to be a pilot, so I want to equip myself with all the information I can possibly get. I might as well be a darn good pilot!"

When she isn't flying domestic and regional Asian flights about five times a week, Gemith is busy with yet another career veer. A year ago, she, Alex (a rabid surfer) and a few friends founded the Siargao Island Surf Company (SISC), a community-based ecotourism development effort headquartered in Siargao. Plans include surfing and diving schools and resorts. If her "soft launch" last Sept. 25 is any indicator, Gemith is on the right track; for the 7th Siargao International Surfing Cup, with which SISC was involved, they had President GMA, no less, hitting the waves on a surfboard as the guest of honor.

"What else do I do at leisure? I have dinners, go out, swim, play volleyball and tennis, surf, play golf." As a model, her fighting weight was 115 lbs; now the willowy Gemith is a mere five pounds heavier. "Of course I'm still vain! Everyone is," she exclaims, when teased about the little extra make-up she had put on for this shoot. "But now it's mostly healthy eating, sports, resting well, not partying too much." She jokes that she and Alex will get married "when we have the time. But it's not a question of whether or not we'll get married, but when. Our lives are so intertwined." Motherhood isn't out of the question, either. "I love kids! I'd choose going to children's parties over adults' parties in a heartbeat!"

When she trades in her pilot's uniform for a ruffled off-the-shoulder blouse and fashionable jeans for the latter part of this shoot, one remarks aloud about how she could teach youngsters a thing or two about following your dream, no matter how seemingly far-fetched. "The more different it is, as long as you feel strongly and passionate about it, the more you should do it," Gemith declares. "Break the mold, man!"



"Still vain," and still ready to strike a pose, in or out of uniform

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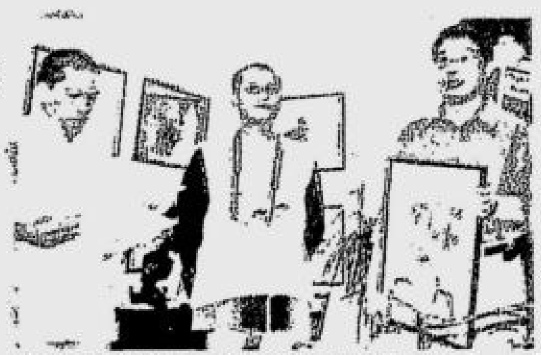

LOLA BASYANG AT INK EXHIBIT
Movie actor Efren Reyes Jr. (right), a fourth generation relative of Severino Reyes (whose pen name is _Lola Basyang_), honors the opening of the 11th annual exhibition of the Ilustrador ng Kabataan. The exhibit, "_Wala Ka sa Lola Ko_," features more than 40 illustrations for various "_Lola Basyang_" stories which runs until Oct. 27 at papemelroti café at 91 Roces Ave., Quezon City.

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I swear this is the toughest and saddest to do.
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When I have to choose between black ink
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Black is elegant, of course; it becomes my hand
Trained in the old script. But what to do with red?
Red unnerves me—the only F-word
I cannot spell for fear of failure.

Is it his or mine? When I enter the room,
Chalk box in hand, and say "Good Morning, class,"
With a half-smile to keep my dentures,
Don't I scare the wits out of him?

Because good mornings in his barrio
Are when the palay is bent heavy with grains.
At harvest time, he has to miss school
Because Father needs an extra hand.

He has no need for complete sentences
With subjects and predicates. It is imperative;
The subject is implied: You. Have to help.
The object is 30 cavans for the lease, at least.

Now that the monsoon rains have come
Too soon, and the fertilizer isn't enough,
Perhaps his father has to sell the carabao
So he can go back to school

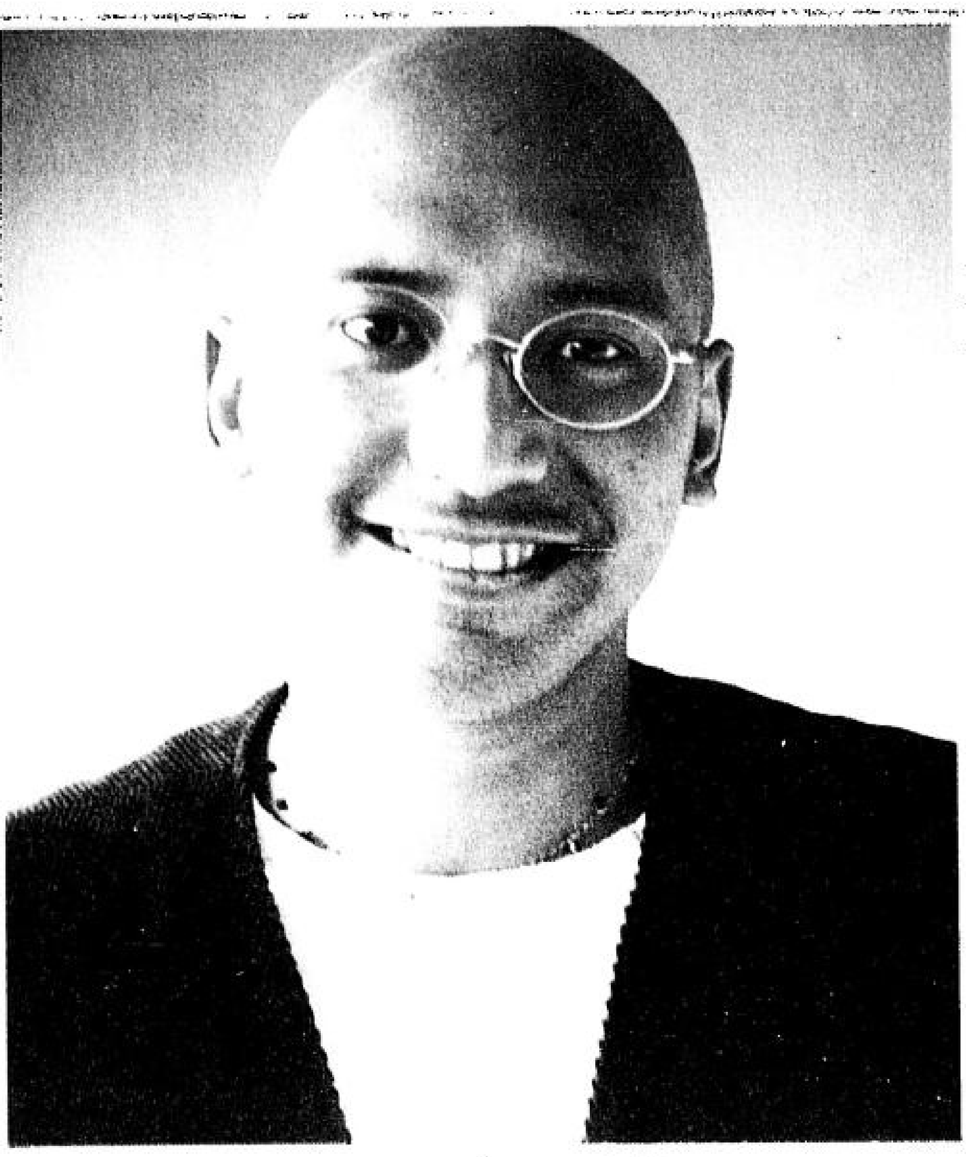
And hear me greet him "Good Morning"
(with a schwa sound in "good," and accent
in the first syllable of "morning")
In the same course next term.

Alex C. Delos Santos

When the Music Stopped

In Memoriam

By Paolo L. Bustamante



Showband singer Junie Mangabat loved life and music, and celebrated both until he succumbed to cancer at age 34. A close friend shares memories of camaraderie and living in the moment

"TOGETHER, together, baby you and me, oh, how happy we'll be." It is with this line from the '70s song by The Intruders that I will forever remember my friend Junie. It was 1995 when I first came across the band Mulatto. From an avid fan, I would become their manager in April 1996, thus beginning my journey with a man who would teach me the true meaning of faith and strength.

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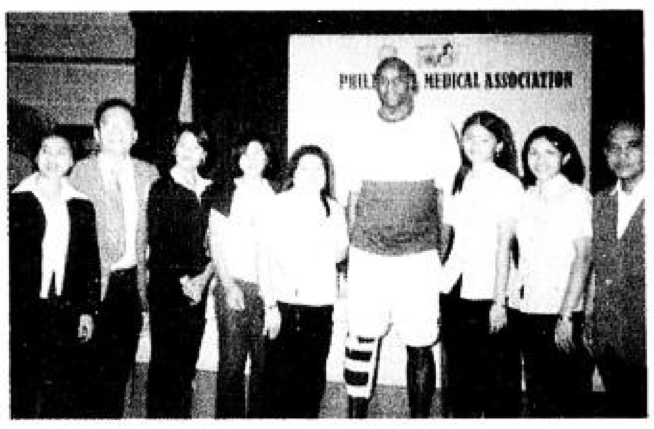
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Philippine Medical Association, led by the Quezon City Medical Society, along with Pediatrica, makers of GROWEE, and Team Ventures, Inc. successfully conducted a Basketbolan Klinik featuring seven-time PBA Best Import Bobby Parks. 42 kids from Barangays Pagasa and San Roque participated in the "klinik" where they were taught basketball fundamentals as well as the importance of discipline, hard work and a good education in helping them achieve new heights. The PMA-GROWEE Basketbolan Klinik was the culminating activity during the week-long annual celebration of the PMA Medicine Week.

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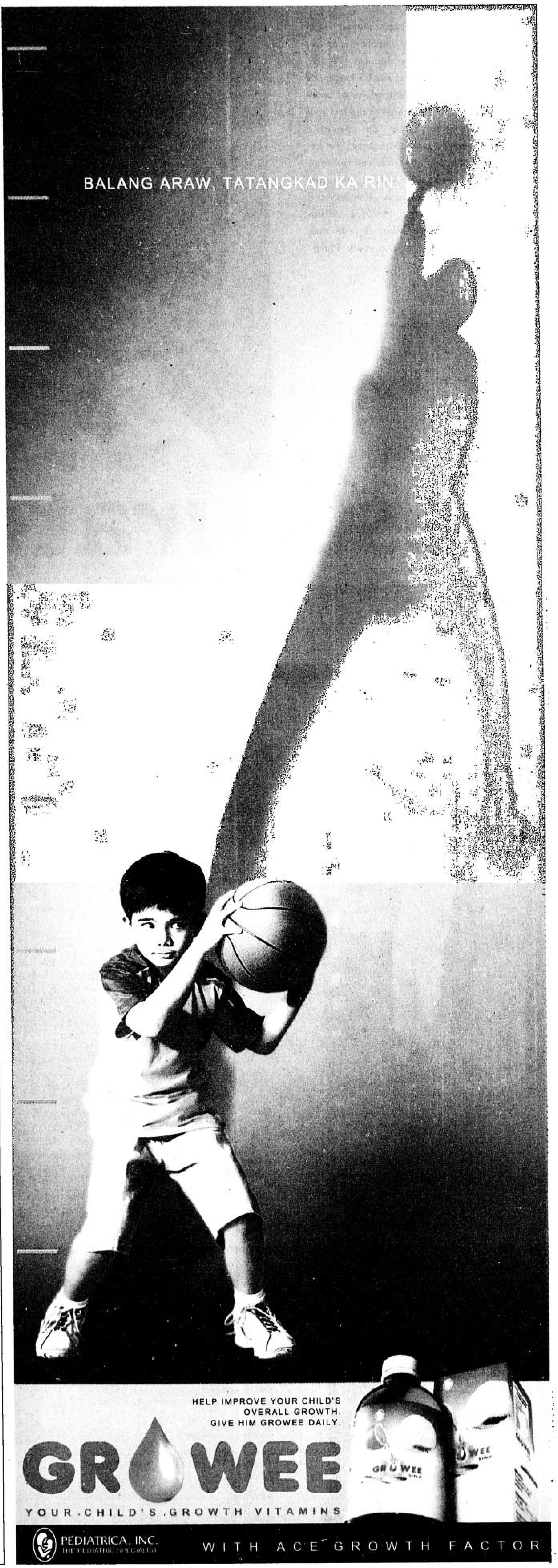
with MR. BOBBY PARKS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Foodies

By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes

THREE things one notices when meeting George Pua for the first time: an unlined face that belies his age (47), his gentle speaking voice, and his laugh. It's a voice trained for the stage, for whispering secrets to the people in the last row and belting out tunes from "Sweeney Todd" and "Pirates of Penzance." An unlikely talent for a dynamic restaurateur, but not for one who, indeed, once performed alongside Junix Inocian, the Lauchengco siblings, Monique Wilson and others, during what George calls "the golden age of Repertory Philippines."

ROMY HOMILLADA

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From 'Starving Artist' to Restaurateur

JUDE THADDEUS L. BAUTISTA

At Macau Restaurant in Glorietta 4, with snazzy interiors designed by his son

These days, the baritone and tenor is one of the leading players in specialty restaurant franchising. His audience, the customers; the cast, his growing staff and diverse cuisine offerings; and his three-set stage, the three dining hotspots, Tony Roma's, Thai Barbeque, and Macau Restaurant. "I'd like to go back to theater. I miss it, I do, I do, I do," George says earnestly, "but I can't seem to imagine myself doing it anymore."

There's not much difference, really, in terms of the pressure involved and the doggedness one needs to survive in both worlds. George is no stranger to hard work and performing. As a teenager, he peddled T-shirts up and down Baclaran—even if he could have stayed comfortable at home. He sang in the church choir and was active in school plays. As part of the chorus line for Repertory, he made himself take up dance under Judy Borromeo ("Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays") and Douglas Nierras ("Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays"). He auditioned for every play—"Fiddler on The Roof," "Woman of The Year," "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," the remake of "Annie," plus the two aforementioned—to prove his dedication and sincerity to the craft. While rehearsing for "Evita," he experienced six-hour rehearsals for almost 50 consecutive days, rushing back and forth from his old office on Paseo de Roxas to the theatre across the street, disappearing for *merienda* and punching out his time card during breaks. "That's how much I loved theater," he says. "But sometimes we were so tired we couldn't memorize our lines anymore." He left the thespian life soon after that, he half-jokes, because he "grew tired of all the screaming."

He also had to consider building his career, as he was a young, "starving actor, just an ordinary employee. But we loved what we were doing. We never talked about how much we were going to get paid—it was the fulfillment we had when we took our bows, when people stood up and clapped. That's high heaven. 'Evita' was so taxing but it was a very rewarding experience. The training helped me so much in terms of outlook, in terms of being able to communicate with different people and a lot of strangers. It helped me so much in being able to sell a product."

And sell he did, for 13 years for a Japanese chemicals company, until he found himself faced with the bold decision to franchise Tony Roma's in the country. "*Hindi pa uso* franchise *non*, and *wala akong pera, pero bahala na*!" he smiles. After two years of grappling aggressively with the Asian franchise office about Manila's economic climate and stability, he got it—and bowled the international offices over when Tony Roma's Manila opened the largest (in terms of seating capacity, 450) and biggest moneymaking branch in the world.

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Foodies

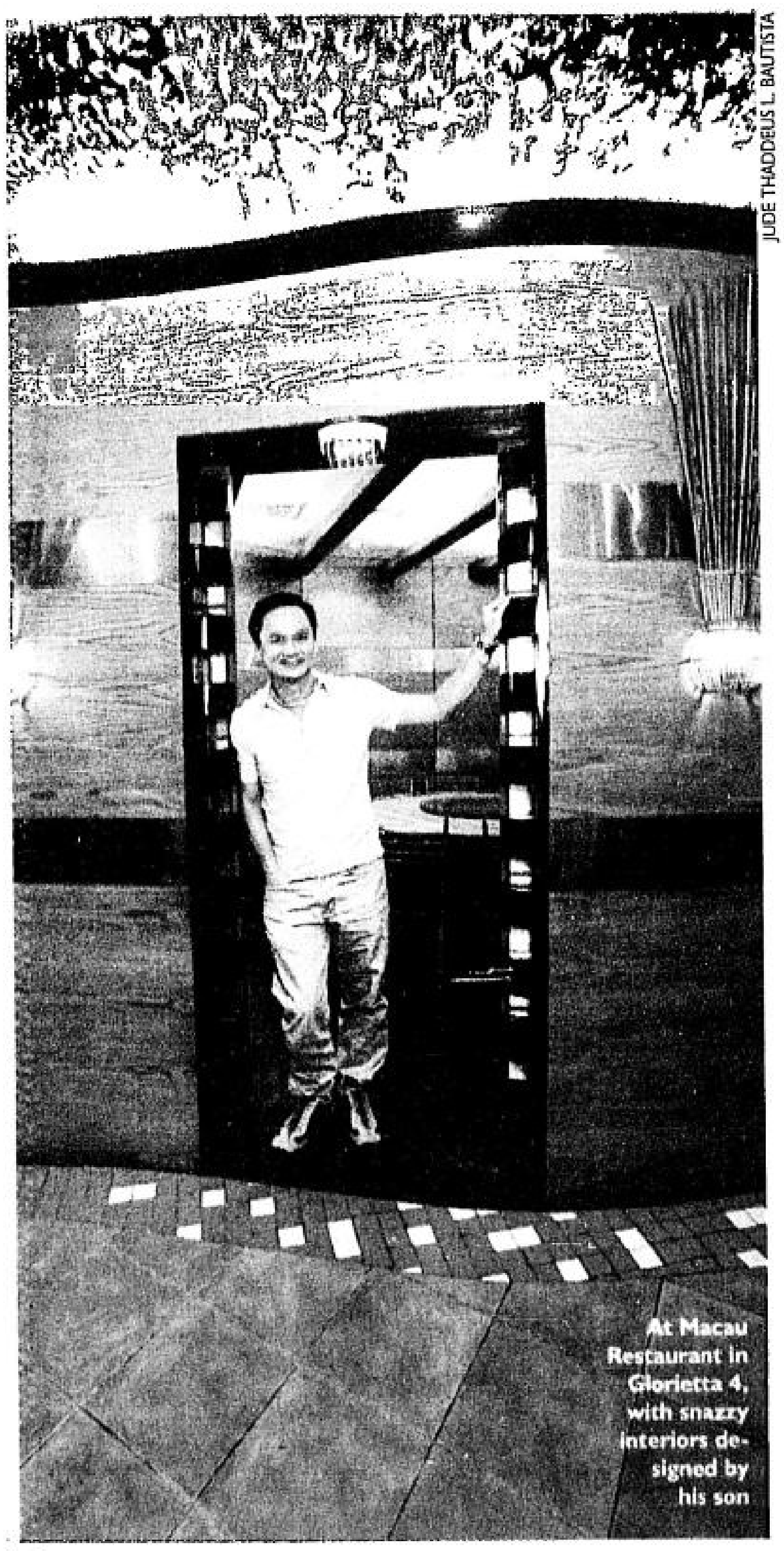
By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes

THREE things one notices when meeting George Pua for the first time: an unlined face that belies his age (47), his gentle speaking voice, and his laugh. It's a voice trained for the stage, for whispering secrets to the people in the last row and belting out tunes from "Sweeney Todd" and "Pirates of Penzance." An unlikely talent for a dynamic restaurateur, but not for one who, indeed, once performed alongside Junix Inocian, the Lauchengco siblings, Monique Wilson and others, during what George calls "the golden age of Repertory Philippines."

ROMY HOMILLADA

actor George Pua traded in his love of the stage for a franchise frenzy, and now runs a favorite dining stop for hearty, affordable Macanese cuisine

From 'Starving Artist' to Restaurateur



JUDE THADDEUS L. BAUTISTA

At Macau Restaurant in Glorietta 4, with snazzy interiors designed by his son

These days, the baritone and tenor is one of the leading players in specialty restaurant franchising. His audience, the customers; the cast, his growing staff and diverse cuisine offerings; and his three-set stage, the three dining hotspots, Tony Roma's, Thai Barbeque, and Macau Restaurant. "I'd like to go back to theater. I miss it, I do, I do, I do," George says earnestly, "but I can't seem to imagine myself doing it anymore."

There's not much difference, really, in terms of the pressure involved and the doggedness one needs to survive in both worlds. George is no stranger to hard work and performing. As a teenager, he peddled T-shirts up and down Baclaran—even if he could have stayed comfortable at home. He sang in the church choir and was active in school plays. As part of the chorus line for Repertory, he made himself take up dance under Judy Borromeo ("Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays") and Douglas Nierras ("Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays"). He auditioned for every play—"Fiddler on The Roof," "Woman of The Year," "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," the remake of "Annie," plus the two aforementioned—to prove his dedication and sincerity to the craft. While rehearsing for "Evita," he experienced six-hour rehearsals for almost 50 consecutive days, rushing back and forth from his old office on Paseo de Roxas to the theatre across the street, disappearing for *merienda* and punching out his time card during breaks. "That's how much I loved theater," he says. "But sometimes we were so tired we couldn't memorize our lines anymore." He left the thespian life soon after that, he half-jokes, because he "grew tired of all the screaming."

He also had to consider building his career, as he was a young, "starving actor, just an ordinary employee. But we loved what we were doing. We never talked about how much we were going to get paid—it was the fulfillment we had when we took our bows, when people stood up and clapped. That's high heaven. 'Evita' was so taxing but it was a very rewarding experience. The training helped me so much in terms of outlook, in terms of being able to communicate with different people and a lot of strangers. It helped me so much in being able to sell a product."

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Twists of Fate

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Love Without Boundaries

He's Muslim, she's Christian, and their families came from rival political groups. Here's how Imelda Quibranza and Abdullah Dimaporo beat the odds to become a happily married couple

ROMY HOMILLADA

THEIRS is a classic Romeo and Juliet love story with a Filipino twist. He's Muslim royalty and she's a devout Christian.

As 16-year-old Imelda "Angging" Quibranza danced with young businessman and budding politician Abdullah "Bobby" Dimaporo to the strains of sweet music in the town plaza of Tubod, Lanao del Norte back in the turbulent '70s, the crowd watched with bated breath. Everyone anticipated trouble in that highly-strung, initial encounter between these scions of prominent Mindanao families which happened to be at war with each other.

"A carabao could pass between us," Angging recalls of the wide berth she maintained with her dance partner. "I knew that my parents would be terrified if they saw us. But I didn't want to complicate things by turning down Bobby's offer to dance with me."

Several years back, Angging's mother, the former Teofila dela Cruz, would herd Angging and her eight other sisters through their back gate and across the rice paddies once they heard the pealing of church bells. It was a warning that the "Barracudas" had come, marauders who were part of a Muslim group led by Bobby's father, the legendary Ali Dimaporo.

Angging's father, meanwhile, led the rival group Ilaga, who were Christian fighters.

The two men occupied gubernatorial positions in Lanao del Norte and Sur in those days, which only intensified the political and religious friction between them.

The ball was meant to celebrate the success of Angging's choral group, but she reveals, "Had I known that Bobby would be there, I would have gone home instead." As it turned out, the young politician financed the whole thing, she adds.

Their next encounter happened several years later in the late '70s. Bobby was then managing the family logging business, while Angging was in college.

To ease up the political and religious tension in the region, the Armed Forces' Southern Command decided to hold a "Tennis for Peace" between the "Barracudas" and the "Ilagas" because both Gov. Dimaporo and Gov. Arsenio A. Quibranza were tennis buffs.

"I can't remember who won the tournament," says Bobby. "But fighting between our families stopped after that."

And just as atrocities ended, their love story began. The following morning at 6, he was at the Quibranza home laden with flowers and gifts. Since then, he would come every morning, just as soon as Angging's father had left for his office in Iligan, and would stay until late at night.

Laughs Angging, "My mom would scold me because he stayed for breakfast, lunch, merienda and dinner and she had to cook for him and his entourage."

He was smitten, admits Bobby. "I was so busy courting her I forgot about our business. Twice, our logs (which were transported through the river) were washed away by floods while I was at Angging's place."

He courted the entire town, says Angging. "He would bring *bangus*, flowers and chocolates, and persevered through the odds." The odds included warnings from her relatives, cautioning her against falling for a Muslim man who traditionally has four wives.

"Our relationship really encountered rough times," recounts Angging who adds that relatives chaperoned her assiduously even when she and Bobby were already going steady.

One of Angging's sister pressured her to break up with Bobby once and for all. "We cooled off for nine months because of that," says Angging.

But fate led them back to each other. One night, on a dare, Angging and her girlfriends motored to the Dimaporo residence and asked to see one of Bobby's sisters. But it was Bobby himself who answered the door.

"I never let her go after that," says Bobby.

About 25 years and five children later, the man now represents the second district of Lanao del Norte, while Angging is the provincial governor, a post he previously held.

"It's a brand new challenge for us," says Bobby and Angging, now the parents of Mohammad Khalid, Mohammad Abdulsalam, Fatima Aliah, Mohammad Nazrollah and Sittie Aminah, aged 16 to 22.

The couple, who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, raised their kids in Islam. More than religion, politics proved to be a bigger hurdle. "The first thing I asked Bobby before we got married was for him not to enter politics, and here I am, going into politics myself," says Angging, who is on her second term.

In fact, their biggest challenge came two years ago when then President Joseph Estrada launched an all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the town of Kauswagan.

"We were trying to stop government troops from attacking the village because civilians would be caught in the gunfire," recalls Bobby, who was with Angging in Kauswagan minutes before the Armed Forces were to launch an air strike. Bobby asked the government troops to withdraw until the village was evacuated.

"We risked our lives including that of our children, but for some reason, the Christians got mad at me, called me names including 'moro' and accused me of being an MILF supporter," says Angging, who had to appear before a Senate hearing to clear her name.

"That incident made us stronger," says Bobby. "It didn't only strengthen the bond between us as husband and wife, but it also widened our perspectives as government officials."

But if there's one legacy they want to leave their people, says Bobby, it would have to be the awareness that Muslims and Christians can co-exist in harmony.

Their marriage is proof of that.

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

What We Have Learned from Filipino Friends

Born to affluence, the Japanese students were shocked to see marginalized Filipino youth praying for those poorer than themselves

(Excerpts from a farewell reflection of Professor Tsuyoshi Amemiya of Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan at the Center for Migrant Youth, after a 16-year solidarity exposure in the Philippines with Japanese students.)

"I am happy to be back at CMY and see all of you today. By now, this is my home in the sense that 'home is where your heart lies.' But I am sad to have to close this exposure project after 16 years.

"First, let me give you a brief summary of our exposure program here. In the summer of 1951, when I was 16, I first met a young Filipino in Japan, and it was he who told me about his father, brother and other relatives as being among those killed by Japanese soldiers during the war. It was the first time I heard about the Japanese being aggressors in Asia. Until that time, I have always thought of the Japanese only as victims of the war—a lie that has been taught in our history books.

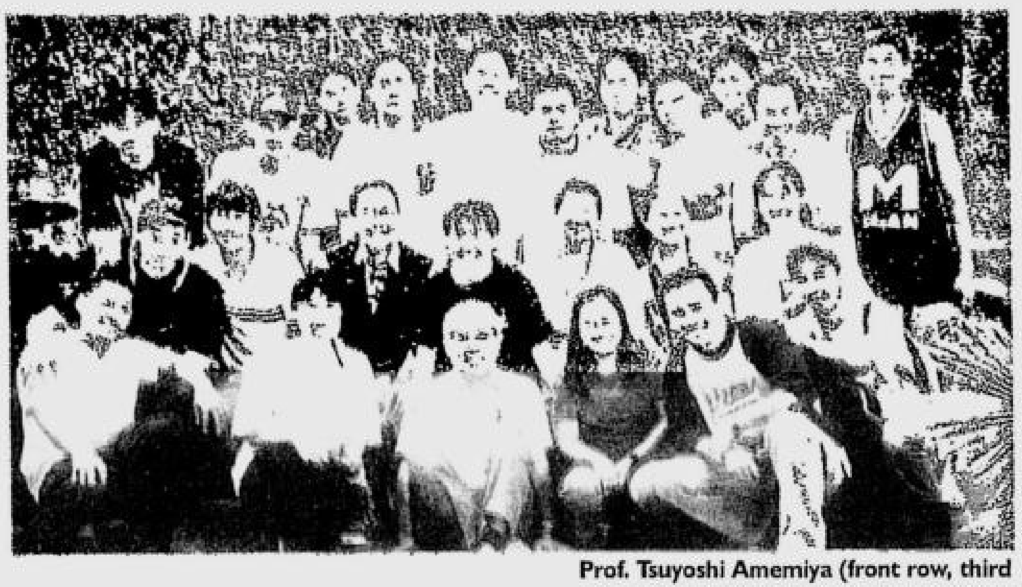
"In March 1985, I visited the Philippines for the first time. Brief as it was, the visit turned out to be a life-changing experience because that was my first time to be personally exposed to the grim reality in the Philippines during the war in the hands of the Japanese.

"For the next two years, I was haunted by agonizing questions such as: 'What should I do now about what I have seen?' In March 1988, I organized my first exposure trip to your country, and I have since sent at least one group of students every year to the Philippines. This is the 16th batch, and the final one.

"The purpose of these visits is for Japanese students to be exposed to the realities of a country like the Philippines, to become aware of the serious problems confronting this country, and finally, to begin acting as responsible citizens of the world, to change and be changed by the situation. I wanted my students to know what actually happened here during the war, and at the same time to accept the reality that the war is not over yet, what with its scars still visible and unhealed.

"With this in mind, 16 groups of Japanese students have visited the Philippines in the last 15 years. We have learned so many things from you.

"The first thing these Japanese students said they learned from the Filipino youth is 'community' and 'communion.' They were overwhelmed by the rare sight of Filipinos their age praying to God fervently for the less fortunate and more destitute than themselves. For the Japanese youth, nothing could be as 'shocking' and 'profoundly moving' than this experience of seeing young Filipinos feeling 'compassion,' 'community' and 'communion' with those poorer than themselves. Present-day Japanese children are born and brought up in the midst of affluence. Being materially rich is something they have taken for granted. This 'first shock' has made the Japanese students feel ashamed of their ignorance, selfishness and immaturity. 'We feel convicted by the 'spirituality' and 'humanity' of the Filipino youth,' they said.


Prof. Tsuyoshi Amemiya (front row, third from left) with the author (second row, third from left) Japanese and CMY youth

"All the students who have been here before unanimously and gratefully remember the way they have received hospitality, kindness, forgiveness, sensitivity and love in spite of the poverty and fragility of their Filipino hosts.

"The Japanese students were shocked at the reality of poverty in this country, and were indignantly helpless at the inequality in the distribution of wealth here as well as in the rest of the world including Japan. But it is useless to blame and worry without end—without doing anything.

"What happened to those nearly 100 people who were here before? Many of them have changed so much that they have started serving the poor, the weak and the marginalized. Today, they have several projects like a water pump project for rural communities in Negros Occidental, scholarship programs for children in North Thailand and the Philippines, the CMY Fund and the Philippine Friendship Fund. We have organized and sponsored the Peace and Reconciliation Cause at home and abroad. Indeed, everything good has come from the Philippines and Filipinos.

"Every time I visit this country and see the cruel realities your people are suffering from, I am reminded of Mary's Song of Praise, 'The Magnificat.' I close my farewell and thank-you speech by asking you to allow me to pray with Mary: May the mighty God stretch out His mighty arm and scatter the proud with all their plans. May He bring down mighty kings from their throne, May He lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away with empty hands. May He keep the promise He made to our ancestors, and come to the help of His servant Israel, and remember to show mercy to Abraham and all His descendants forever. Amen."

(Although not a Catholic, Professor Amemiya sang Mary's "Magnificat" in Japanese.)

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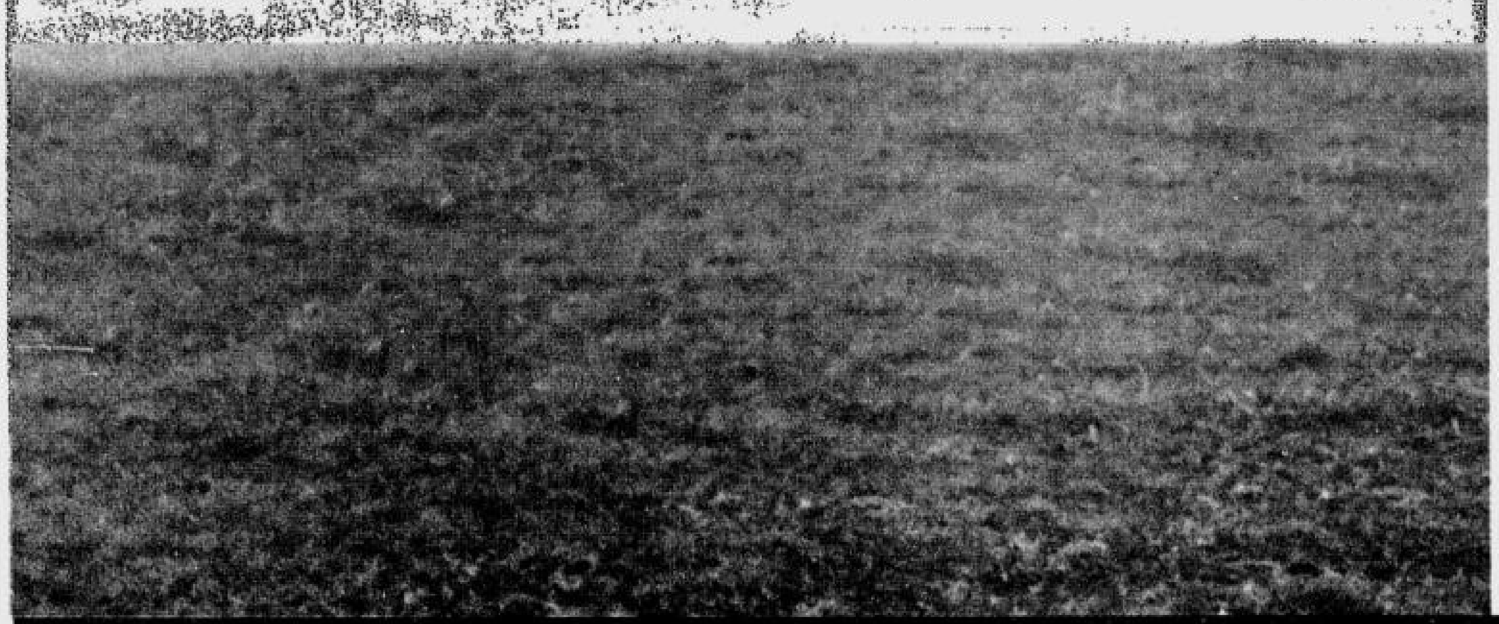
Please read today's Gospel (Mt. 21:33-43) in the context and spirit of Prof. Amemiya's and his students' life-changing experience. Then read the following words as they resonate in your hearts like God's small voice addressing you in silence:

1. When we are born, we are what we are given; when we die, we are what we have given.
2. We are responsible for the gifts we have received.
3. To whom much is given, much will be required.
4. All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing.
5. "*Puro tanggap, walang ambag.*" (why be content with just receiving when you can also give?)

SMART Chillout: the* [S rises and Shines



"I've never done this before," said the soft-spoken DJ days before the SMART sunrise launch party of his Chillout Album. There was trepidation in his voice but also a stronger excitement. Ever the adventurous musical pioneer, Anton Ramos charged ahead and gave it an awesome effort last September 27. And what an effort it was.

The moment the doors opened at 11pm the question whether Anton could keep the crowd coming in and grooving on was a moot one. Mati's at Rockwell stayed open until the sunrise and beyond. Thanks to a guest set played by DJ TC of BigFish which set an energetic pace early, Anton picked up on it by 2am the next day, four hours away from sun up. Transforming the atmosphere with his own brand of down tempo and beat house as well as his Balearic favorites, the Chillout master kept the house full with eager partyers until cocks crowed, breakfast was served and curious joggers looked on.

All throughout the evening/morning's bumping and grinding, a steady stream of celebrities trooped into Mati's Mediterranean interiors. Seen nodding their famous heads to the beat were Carmi Martin, Gladys Reyes, Andrea del Rosario and Ruffa Guttierez. VJ Ed Feist, back from a recent Stateside sojourn was also seen early on until early morning. MTV's Sarah Meier was there to cover the event as well as E!'s Lana Asanin whilst in a warm cozy corner Maurice Arcache majestically held court.

The Sunrise Party for Anton Ramos' Chillout Album Launch was a gift to Manila's party people from the visionaries at SMART who themselves are pioneers and leaders in bringing people and technology together. SMART gave us the 64K SUPERSIM, a superior innovation boosting up memory capabilities and functions of your SMART celfone. They also gave us SMART Money , hassle-free e-commerce and mobile banking in a card and linked to your SMART celfone, another original SMART invention now even being exported worldwide.

Anton is an eager follower of technology. ." If it's the latest gadget I've gotta have it," he says as he prepares to explore the possibilities of SMART MMS on his SMART Nokia 7650. SMART MMS is available to all SMART subscribers and allows them to send messages combining text, sounds and pictures on SMART MMS-enabled cellphones through SMART GPRS(General Packet Radio Service).

Music is Anton's forte, and aside from appreciating the polyphonic ringtones which sound closer to the real song or tune, Anton can take pictures and images, and send them to all his SMART friends. On the way to the next SMART gig, he can download real-time images from traffic cams throughout the metropolis and duck out of the way of the snarls and bottlenecks along the way. Until that time, we look forward to the next SMART event and hope to see you there!

Anton starts his set with TFL Angels walking in beat

Always with the latest...Maurice Arcache lets Lana Asanin in on some insider tidbits

Host VJ Michi with Pinky Amador

TFL Angels whip up the crowd with otherworld undulations

All my love...MTV's Sarah Meier blows a kiss your way

Happy loungers- Miguel George, Enrique Campos, Alcs Porras, Danielle Hundscheid

Karrie Bitanga and Aimee Murillo provide some ERG energy

VJ Ed Feist returns with a vengeance

Chic Jackie Forster with party couple Richie and Faith Lavarro

Ruffa Guttierez makes a graceful entrance

We're staying!-Carmi Martin and Gladys Reyes express early morning resolve

The party inside got hotter and hottest

Wher

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Onstage, Junie Mangabat found his way into the hearts of many swooning fans through song. The erstwhile La Sallite and Kundirana reject, as we liked to kid him, joined the showband Mulatto in 1995, at a time when the group was on its way to almost cult popularity in the Manila nightlife scene.

Offstage, though, Junie was talkative and observant, remembering details like the color of a woman's toenail polish. All seemed well, until an afternoon visit to his doctor in June 1996. It was before a Monday performance at the defunct Café Iguana in Malate that Junie broke the news to me. He was diagnosed with cancer. He opted for treatment in the US.

The weeks prior to his departure were grueling for Rengie Galvez, one of the band's vocalists, and me. We were the only ones in the band who knew about Junie's condition, upon his request. We became instant *yayos*, making sure he would change when he perspired, take his medicines on time and eat properly even when he had no appetite. Seeing him onstage, no one would have guessed the gravity of his disease.

Through phone calls and e-mail, Junie kept in touch. He successfully went through the first wave of his treatment in the US, and was given the option to continue in Manila. He returned a couple of months later with only one thing different—a bald head, due in part to his treatment.

To a certain extent, the next three years seemed cancer-free, as the disease was almost a non-issue. The band did have to make sacrifices with schedules, working around Junie's chemotherapy sessions, or making some extra effort when he would call in sick. But nothing could compare to the life changes Junie was experiencing.

During those three years, Junie, Rengie, Mike Metcalfe (the band's road manager) and I built a great friendship we fondly called "The Quorum." We did many things together outside our life with the band—lunch, *pusoy*, shopping, traveling, cooking and just hanging out doing nothing. Because of our jobs with Mulatto, we saw each other almost nightly, but we never got tired of being together. We all loved what we were doing, especially Junie.

Junie's life was singing and performing, an art he mastered, but he was experiencing pain almost daily, not to mention constant shortness of breath. His cancer caused tumors to metastasize in his lungs, increasing in number and size by the day and making his breathing very difficult. And for a singer, breathing is essential.

The one thing that Junie and I shared exclusively was a routine we observed early Tuesday mornings. "The Quorum" would pig out at Whistle Stop after every Monday night performance of Mulatto at Strumms' El Pueblo. With his adrenaline still high, he would call me upon reaching home, and we would spend hours talking about inane topics, like childhood afternoons watching old Pinoy movies on TV and high school anecdotes about our teachers at La Salle. We discussed his latest health practices, like his cleansing ritual of downing at least three glasses of carrot juice daily and his turning vegetarian.

Naturally, he also touched on everyday topics—his family and how they were coping with his disease, the loves he found and lost, life with the band, the future when the music stopped permanently. Hope was all he could hang on to, with the help of his strong faith in God, a faith that became stronger by the second.

Even if I had to be up the following day at 7 a.m., I looked forward to this routine, which sealed a friendship that I knew wouldn't end even when our lives did. And like a premonition, by October of 1999, Junie declared that he was tired. He gave himself six months, after which he would eventually marry and settle in the US with his wife, Twinkle.

While building a new life in New Jersey, he would call often, so I was privy to such events as his civil wedding, his continued treatments, the planned December church wedding in Manila, and the greatest news of them all, the miracle of his impending fatherhood. By September of 2000, I flew to New Jersey to become his first long-staying house guest. He asked me to be best man at his coming wedding.

The man who could eat three cups of rice a meal now had to force himself to down a slice of pizza, so the weight loss was expected. What I wasn't prepared for was his limited movement, walking like a grandfather with arthritis. Climbing a flight of stairs was a grueling task. We would drive to different spots, a favorite of which was a small park with a view deck on the way to Twinkle's work place, overlooking the Manhattan skyline. There we would talk and talk, until it was time to pick up the woman he loved.

I also accompanied him to his outpatient chemotherapy session. A session lasted approximately six hours. One particular day, there were about five empty seats. Thirty minutes into being given his fill, Junie groggily whispered, "Dude, this place was full the last time. Maybe everyone else has died." Then, he fell asleep.

In December 2000, Junie and Twinkle came home and tied the knot in the quaint chapel in Calle Ruega in Tagaytay. He couldn't hold back his tears as he saw his bride march down the aisle. During the reception, there was a clamor for Junie to sing to his bride. He tried, but with all his emotions, coupled with his breathing problems, the notes just wouldn't come out as they used to. Right then and there, he knew he could no longer do what he loved.

After he returned to New Jersey, we would still talk on the phone regularly, even if these were mere five-minute chats. A lot of his stories geared towards his fluctuating health. Like a little miracle, Junie and Twinkle's daughter Danielle was born in 2001. By May 2002, however, he was using a wheelchair at home and had an oxygen tank by his bedside, ready for use almost nightly. He was conscious that he was talking to himself, with matching hallucinatory spells. "Dude, I won't remember tomorrow what I'm telling you today. Promise."

Junie's call last August 15 was different. The difficulty in his breathing was more pronounced, and constant coughing interrupted his stories. But the thing that struck me the most came in a whisper—"Dude, depressed *ako, pagod na pagod na ko. Hindi ko na yata kaya*." I said, "*Sige* dude, *pahinga ka na. Tawagan uli tayo pag* okay *ka na*."

I never got to call back, and neither did he. He was rushed to the hospital on August 20. And on August 26, 2002, at 10:56 p.m., my "best man" Junie ended his six-year battle, three months and two days shy of his 34th birthday.

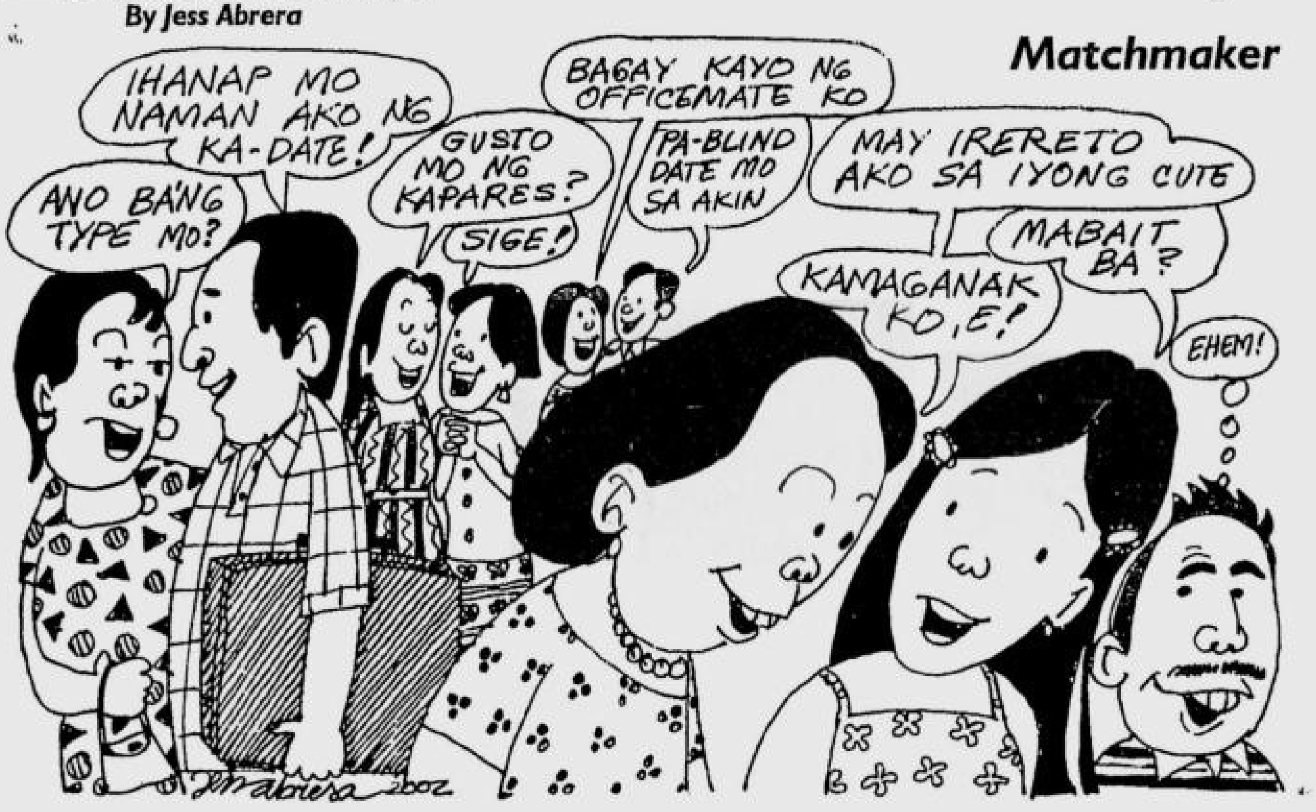
I wanted to grieve some more, but it seems that I can't. More than the grief I think I should feel, I should celebrate the fact that wherever Junie is, he is happy. And that makes me happy.

The showband Mulatto, circa 1999, with Junie standing rightmost

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Matchmaker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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

The Third Party

I said to myself that I have to move on and forget him because he's already married

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Dear Joe,

I didn't expect to tell you my story, Joe. I just wanted to ease the pain I feel by sharing it with you.

Vince and I started out as friends. I knew from the start that I could not fall in love with him because he's my sister's ex-boyfriend. My family is mad at him for what he did to my sister because of a third party.

Nobody wanted to listen to him except me. Our closeness made us realize that we were falling in love with each other. We both knew that it was wrong, but what could we do? We don't have a formal relationship, we just know that we are committed to one another and we're happy.

I knew from the start that he had another girl. When the girl learned about me, she told me to leave her boyfriend alone because they were getting married. I was shocked. I confronted him, and he said that it was the girl's decision, and not his.

I'm trying to forget him, now that I know he's not mine anymore. But the day before his pamanhikan, *he called and said he wanted to see me. We met that night, Joe. He cried and said, "I'm sorry, I still love you and I promise that I will never change, I will love you for the rest of my life,* kahit na magpakasal na ako. *I will never leave you, promise." I wanted to cry when I heard him say that. I want to fight for my feelings, for my love for him, but I can't, I shouldn't.*

Shortly before his wedding, I got sick. He texted me saying "I love you, get well soon." I wanted to blame him, Joe. If he really loved me, sana ako ang pinakasalan n'ya. *But it's too late for both of us.*

I said to myself that I have to move on and forget him because he's already married, and if I continue loving him, I could only do so as a mistress. Our relationship continued with neither my family nor his wife knowing about it. Sometimes I ask him, "Do you really love your wife?" He wouldn't answer me. Joe, I know this is wrong, but I love him more than myself. I gave everything to him. I don't want to lose him, Joe.

Now that he has a child, we are still very much into this illicit relationship. I don't know what to do anymore. I don't know how to live without him.

Anj

Dear Anj,

I believe that people should marry because of love, and not because of obligation. Marriage should not be made an answer for mistakes that we have done. Vince probably married his wife for the wrong reason. And, he is trying to correct it by living a lie. No matter how right you feel about each other, you still cannot justify a relationship outside marriage. Even if what you feel is real love, it still won't make your relationship right.

Anj, sometimes it is easier for a girl to be the third party because she gets her share without having to feel betrayed. But, put yourself in the place of Vince's wife. How do you think she would feel when she learns that her husband loves someone else? That could be the most devastating moment in a woman's life.

The real reason that there are so many people who get hurt in relationships is because many of us become intoxicated with our own acts of selfishness. We seek happiness at the expense of others. We carelessly step into their lives and poison the relationships that they have built and invested in. We become unfaithful in our own relationships and betray those who rest their trust in us.

Anj, do you think you can truly be happy being a mistress all your life? Your answer should give you more than enough reason to think about your illicit affair. I hope you'll be wise enough to think not only of your own feelings. Let us always remember that we have to answer to those whose lives have been affected by our own. Let us be fair. Because those who become truly happy are not those who have lived their lives for themselves, but those who have spent it to make others happy.

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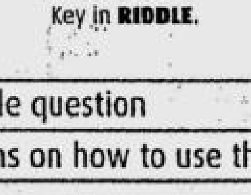

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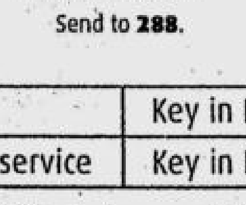

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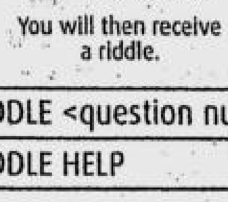

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